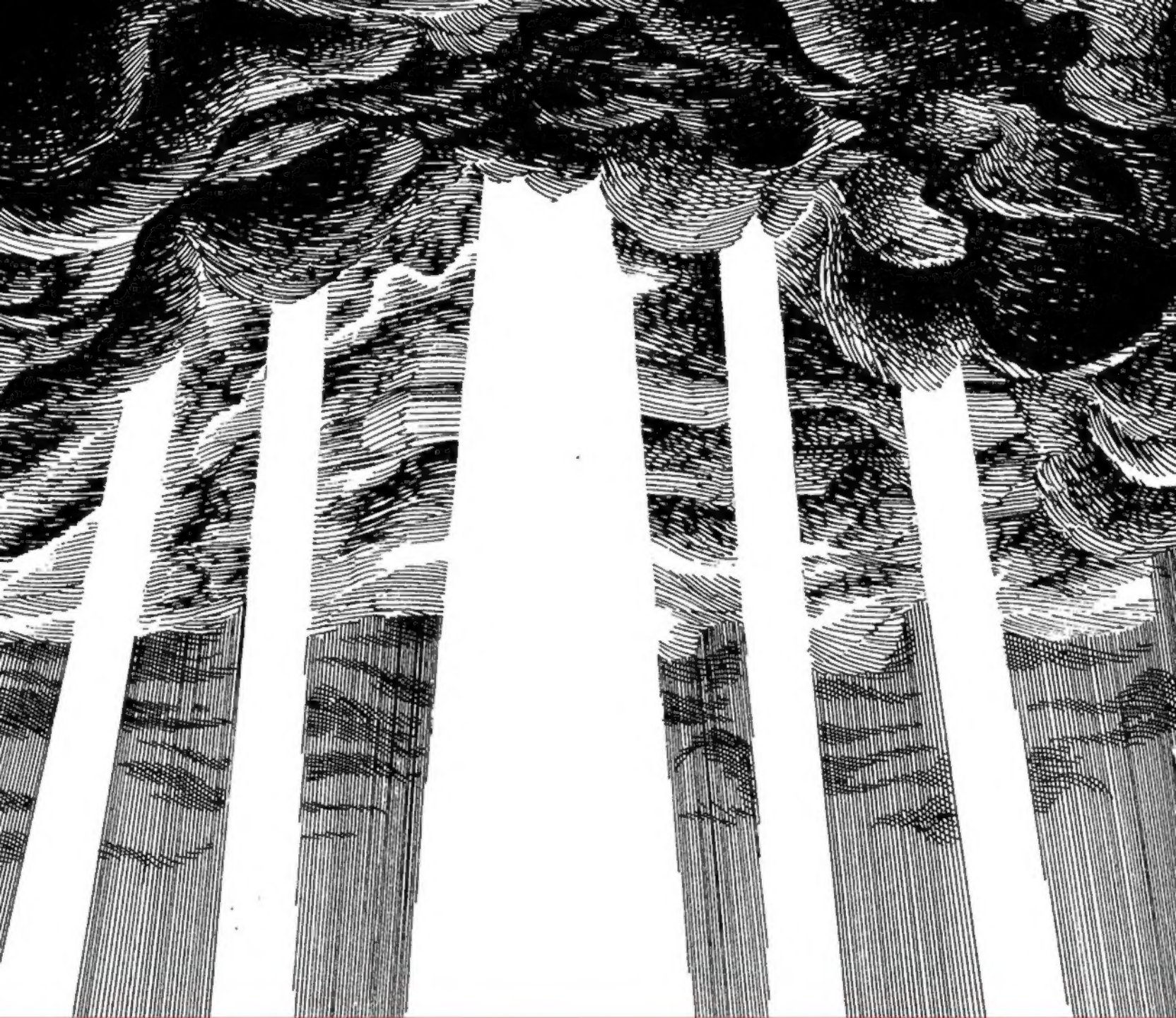




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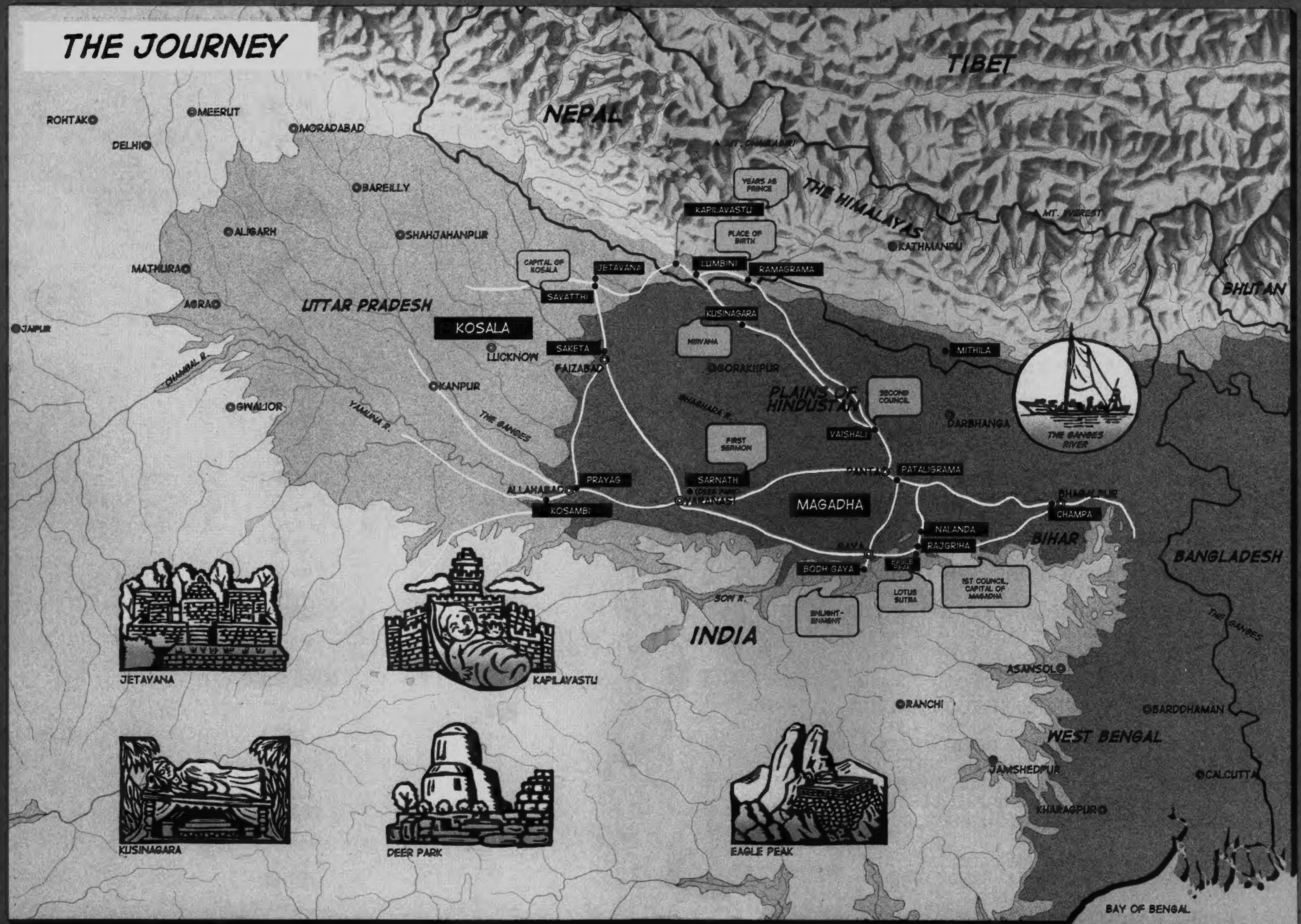
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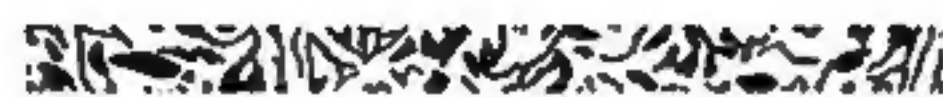
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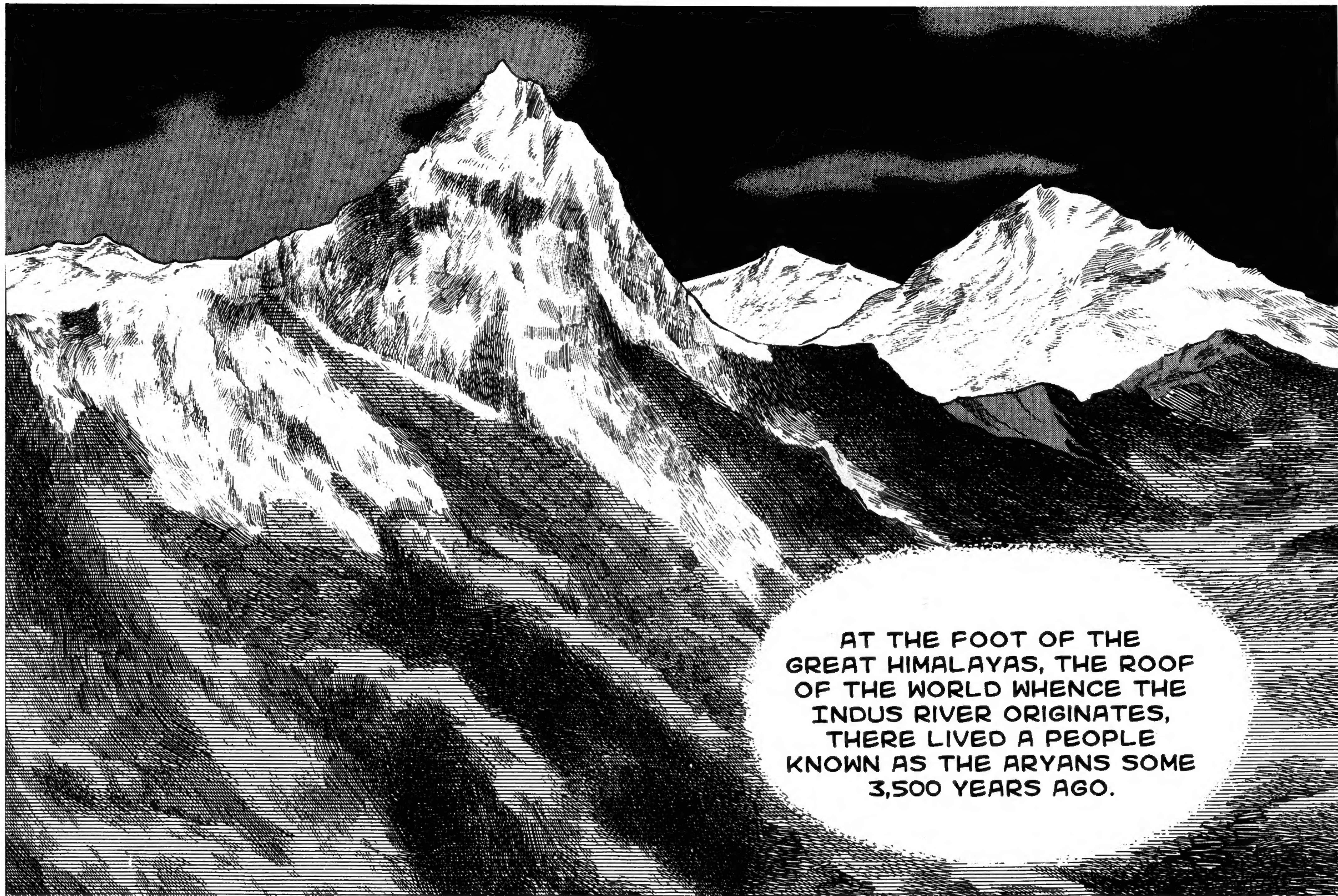
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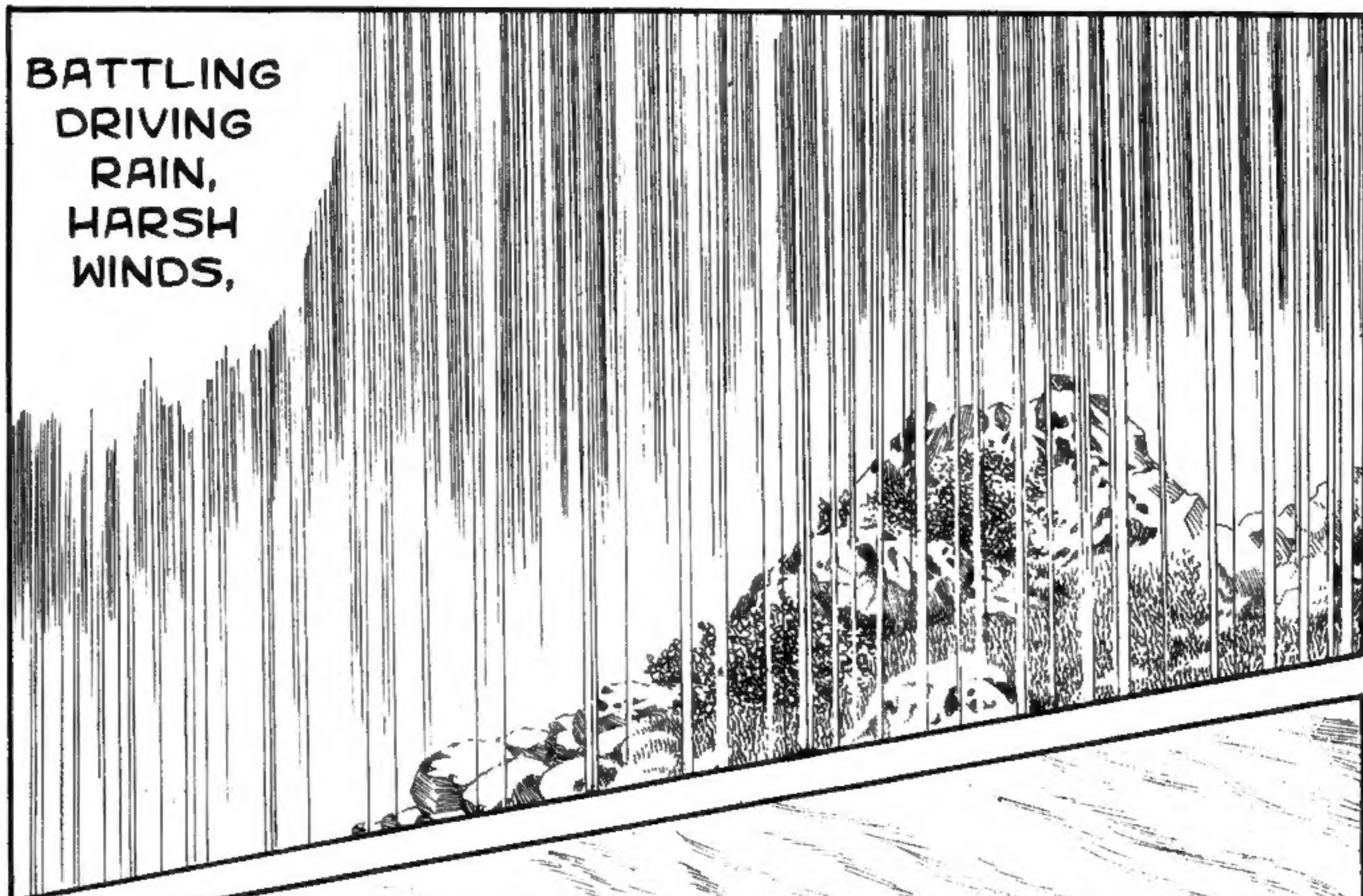
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BRAHMIN

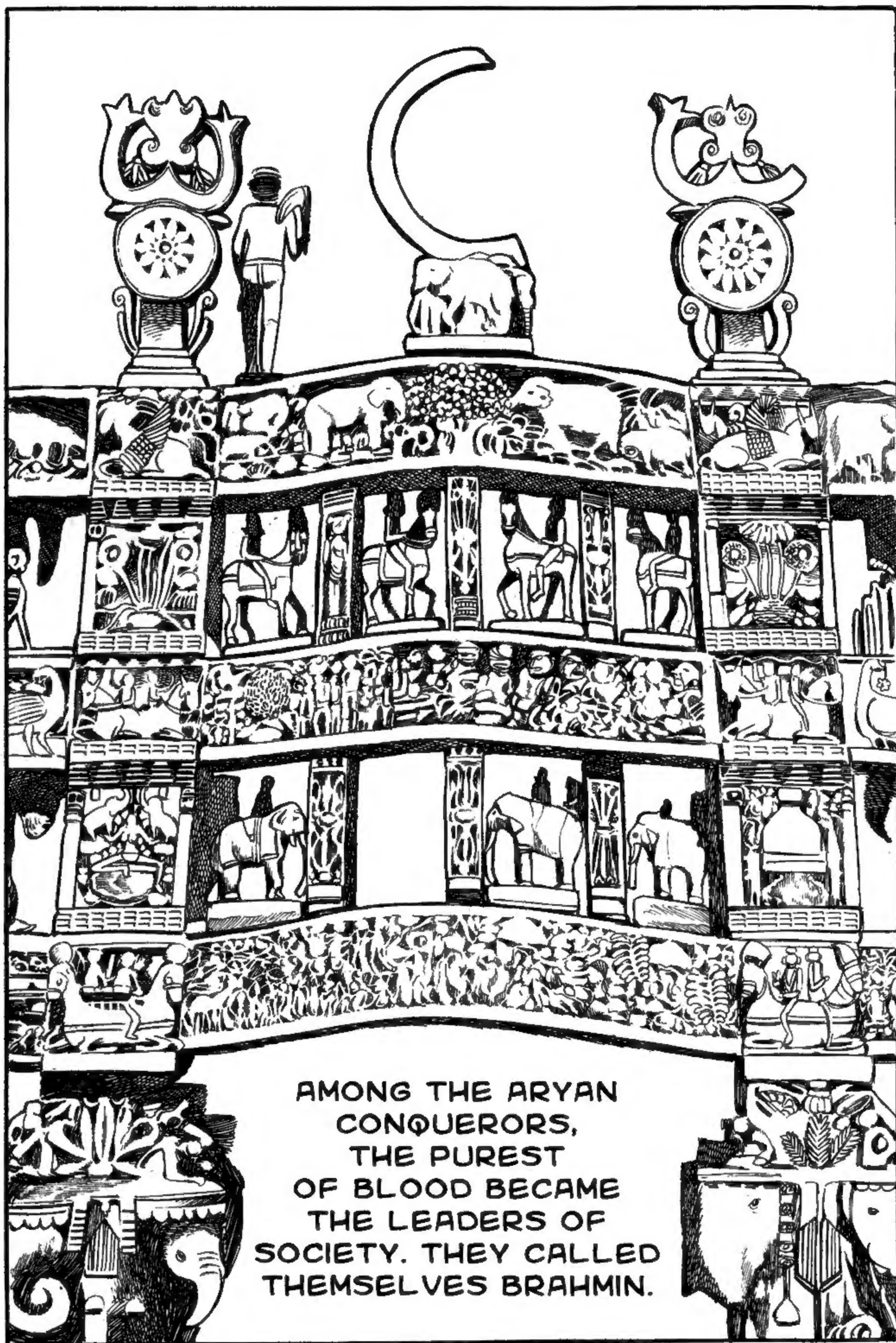


AT THE FOOT OF THE
GREAT HIMALAYAS, THE ROOF
OF THE WORLD WHENCE THE
INDUS RIVER ORIGINATES,
THERE LIVED A PEOPLE
KNOWN AS THE ARYANS SOME
3,500 YEARS AGO.

BATTLING
DRIVING
RAIN,
HARSH
WINDS,



AND DEVASTATING
DROUGHTS, THEY
PUSHED SOUTH,
SPREADING THEIR
CULTURE INTO
WHAT WOULD
LATER BECOME
INDIA.

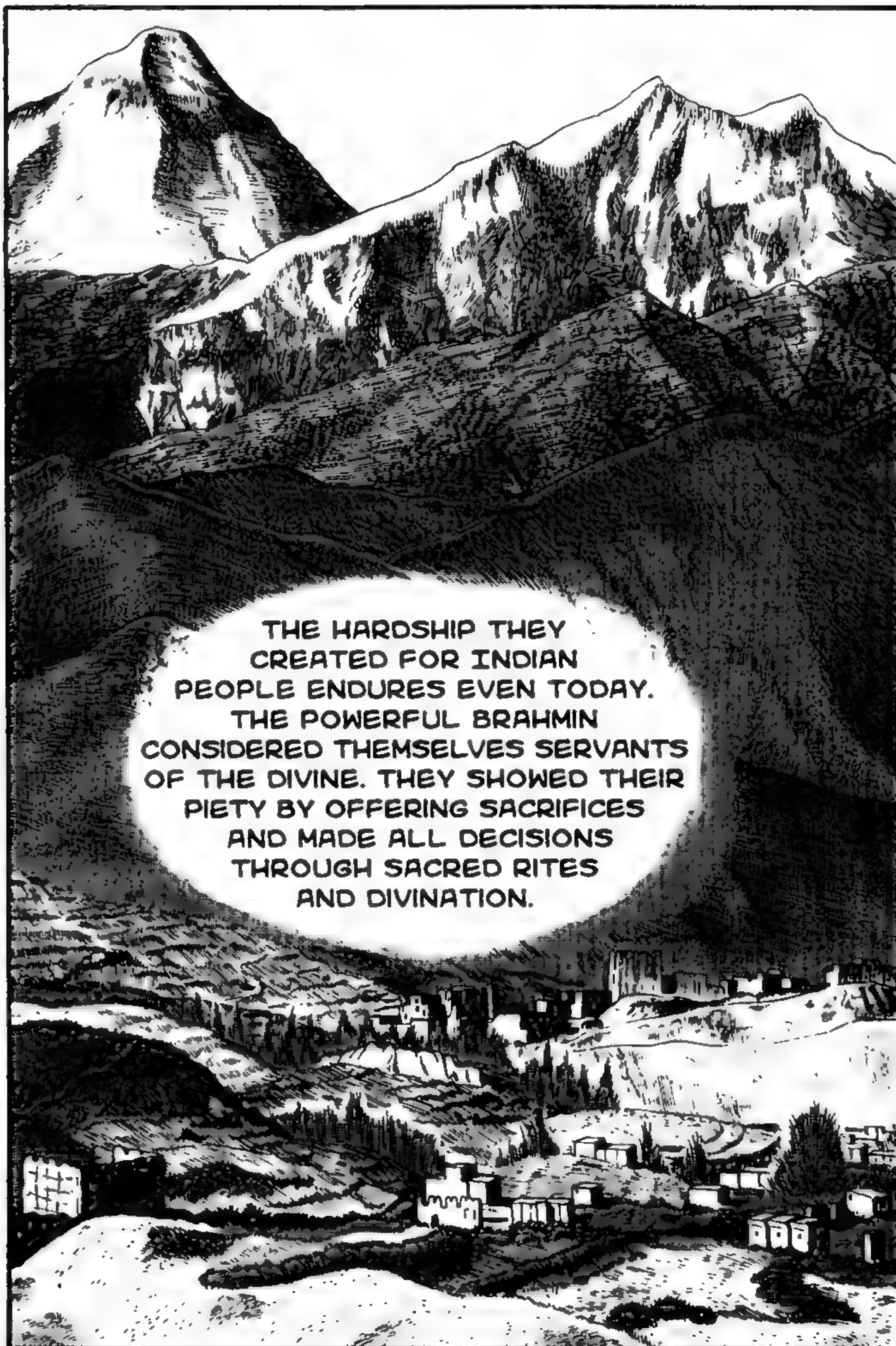


AMONG THE ARYAN
CONQUERORS,
THE PUREST
OF BLOOD BECAME
THE LEADERS OF
SOCIETY. THEY CALLED
THEMSELVES BRAHMIN.



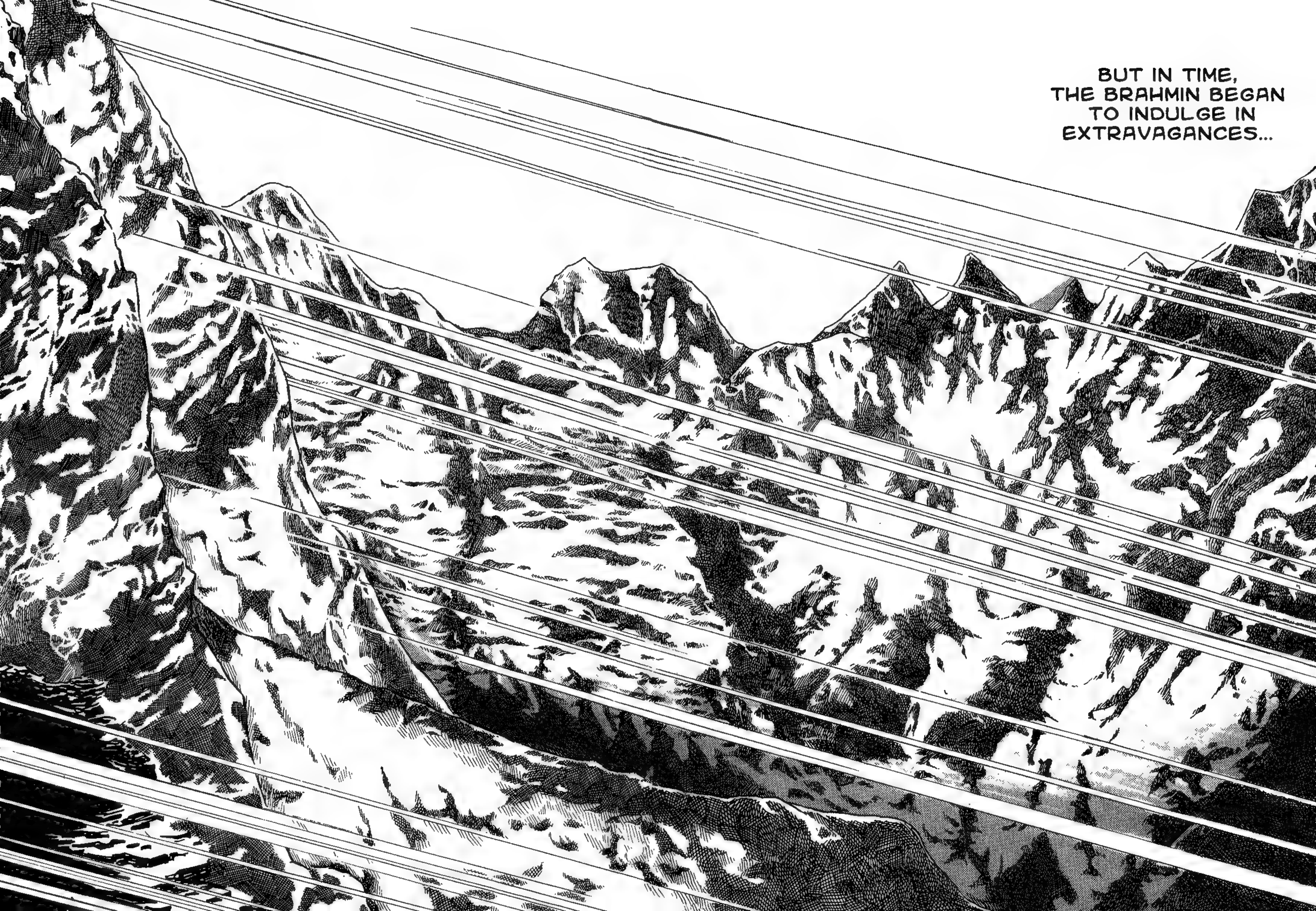
**BRAHMIN! THE VERY NAME WAS AN EMBLEM
OF INVINCIBLE POWER IN INDIAN SOCIETY
FOR CENTURIES.**

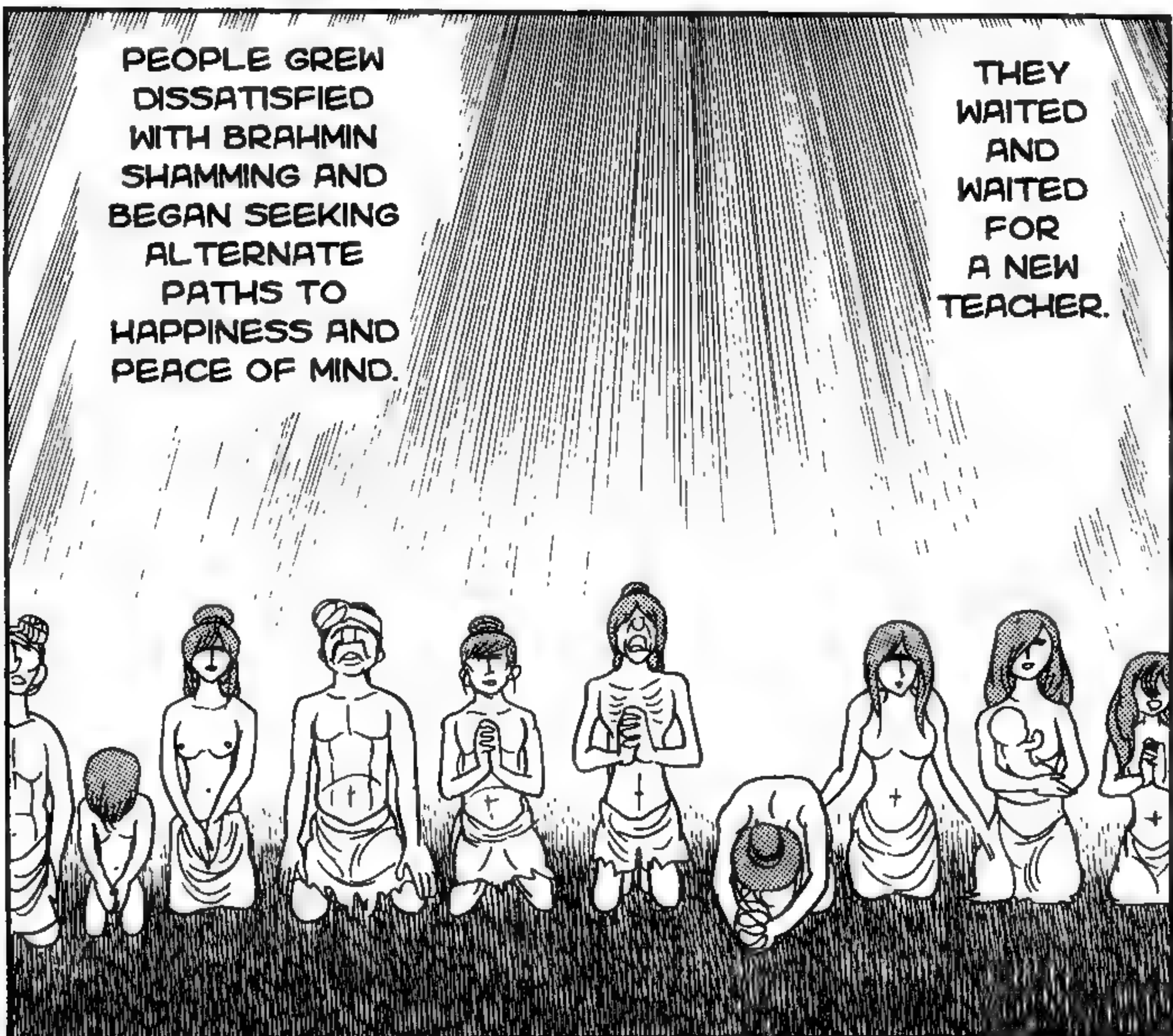
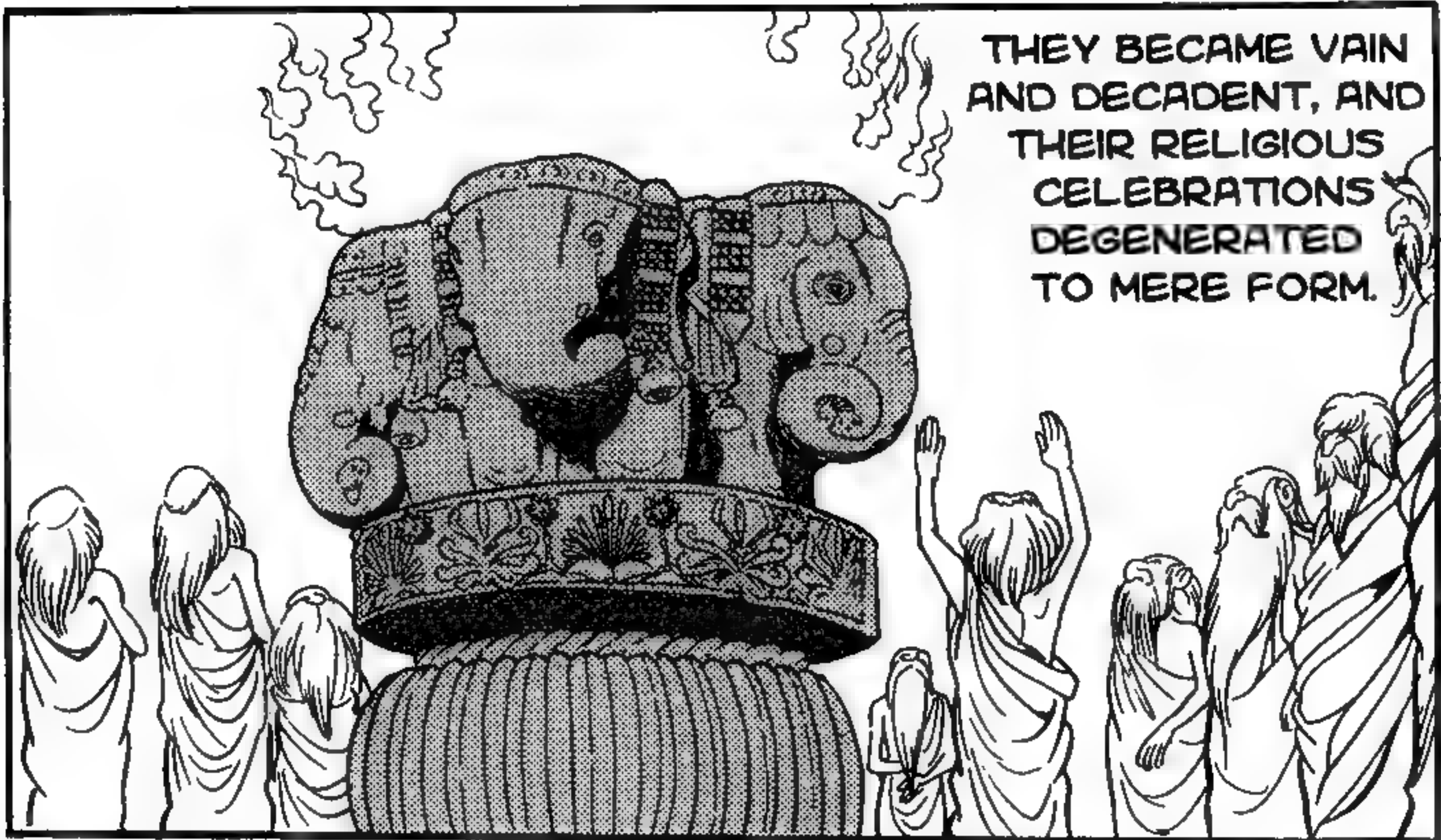
**UNDERNEATH THEM THE BRAHMIN
CREATED CLASSES LIKE
"WARRIOR," "COMMONER," AND "SLAVE,"
INTRODUCING DISCRIMINATION AMONG
FELLOW HUMANS.**

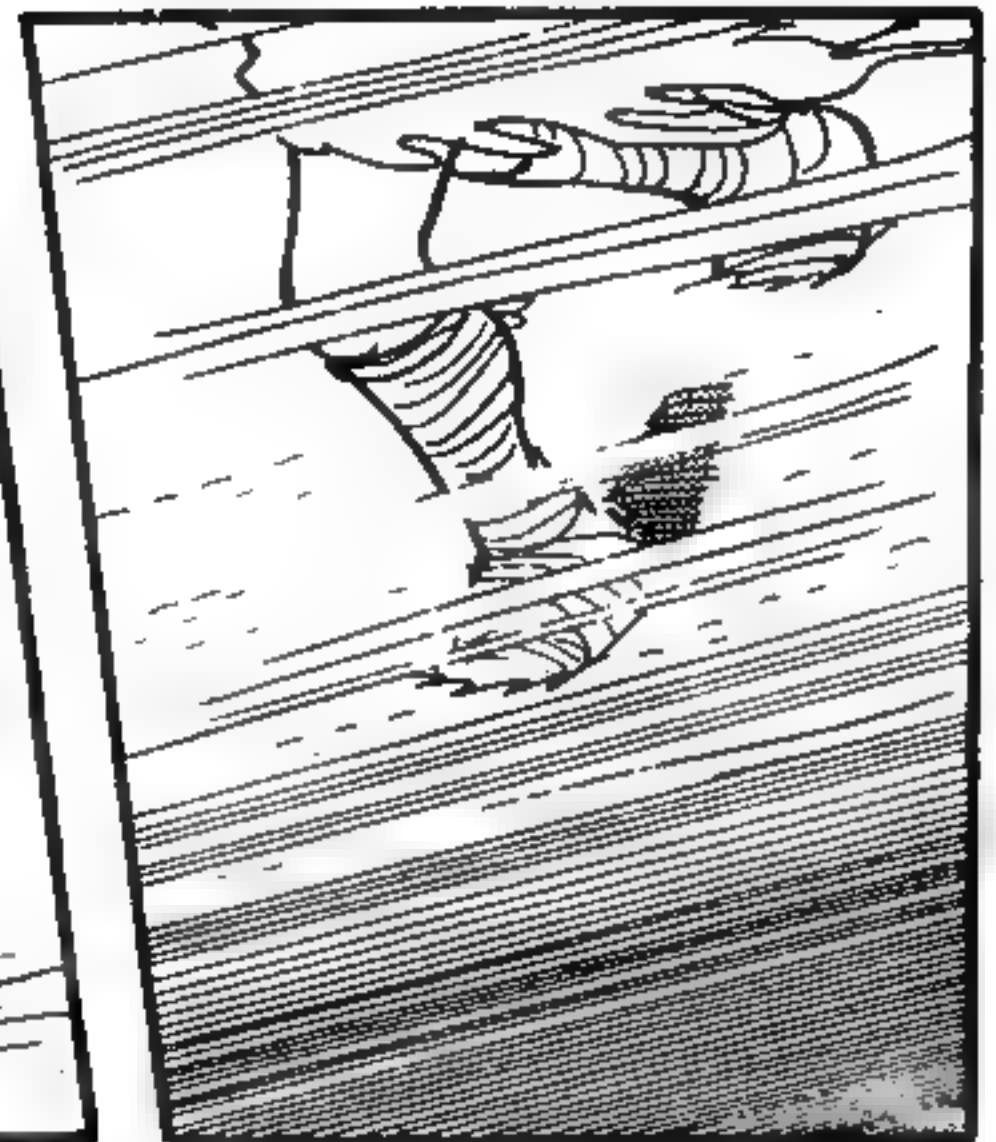
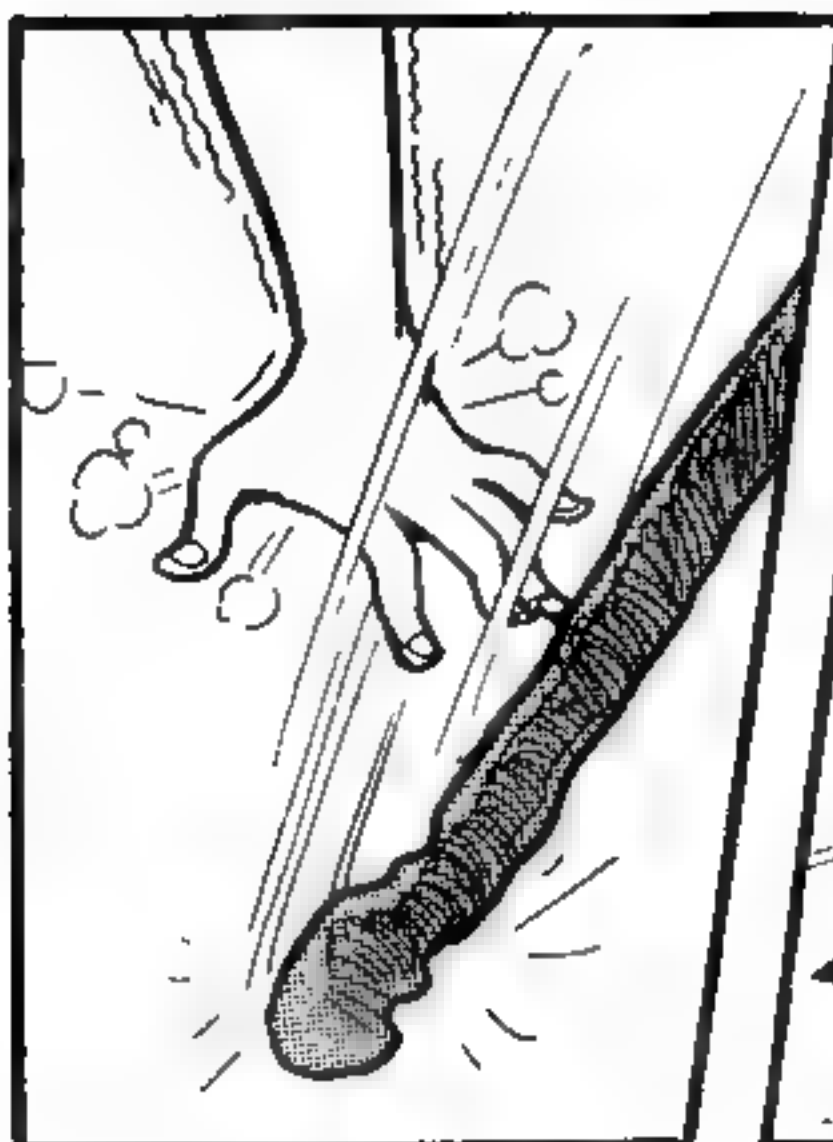


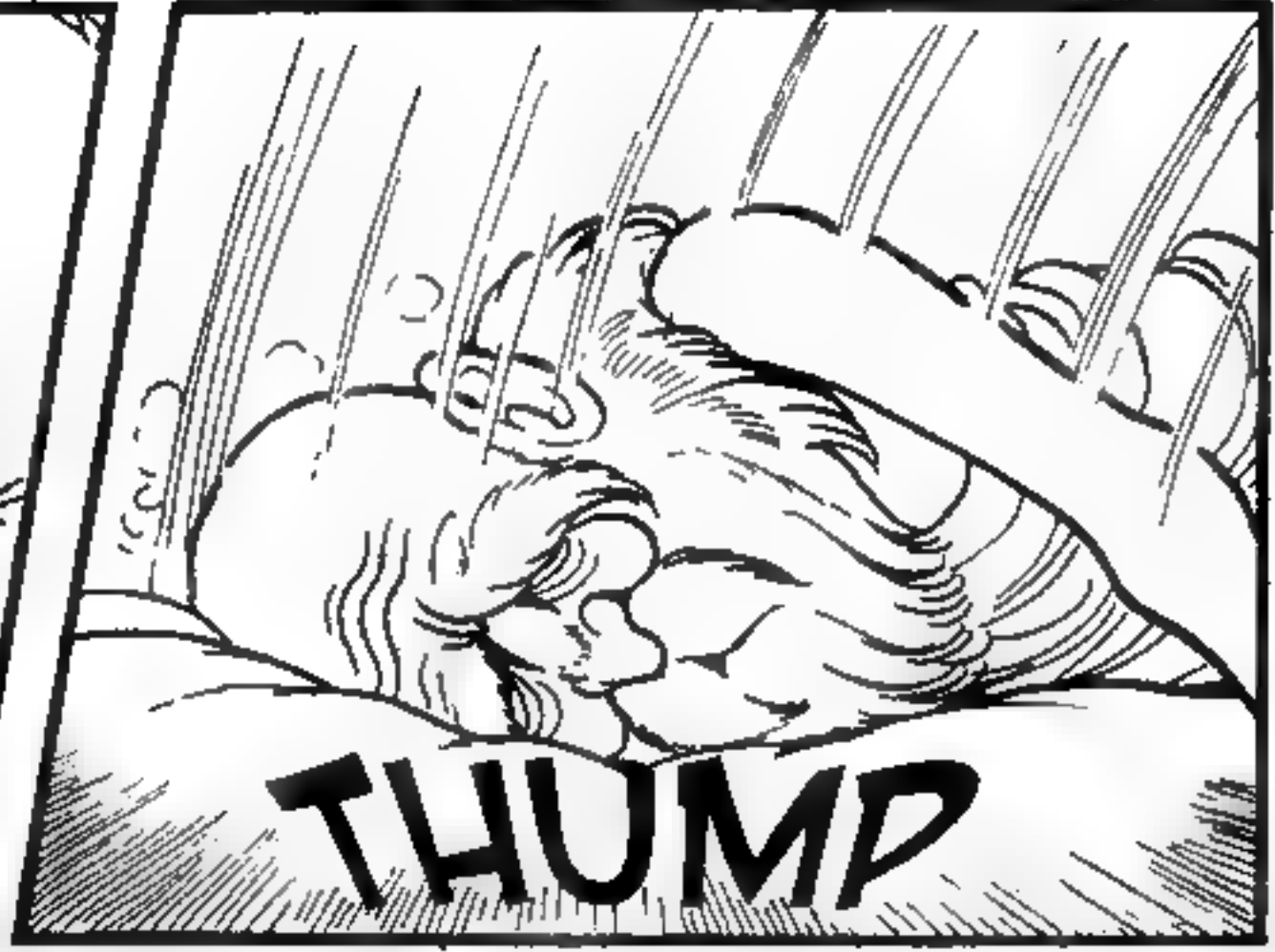
THE HARDSHIP THEY
CREATED FOR INDIAN
PEOPLE ENDURES EVEN TODAY.
THE POWERFUL BRAHMIN
CONSIDERED THEMSELVES SERVANTS
OF THE DIVINE. THEY SHOWED THEIR
PIETY BY OFFERING SACRIFICES
AND MADE ALL DECISIONS
THROUGH SACRED RITES
AND DIVINATION.

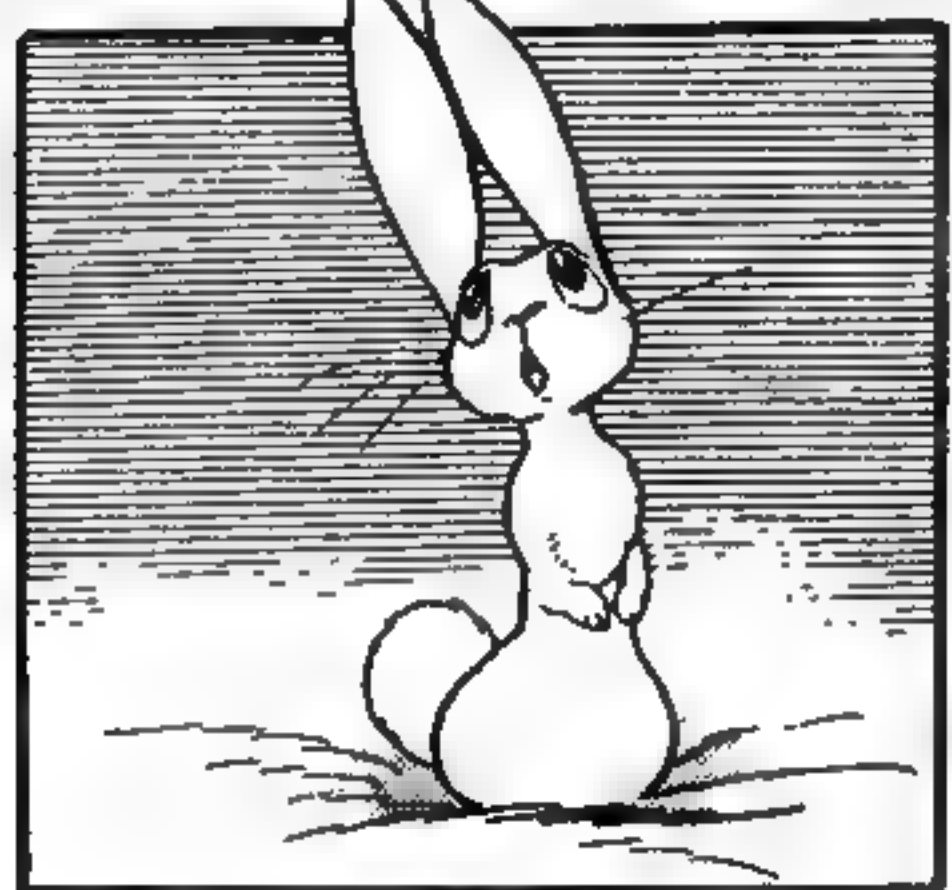
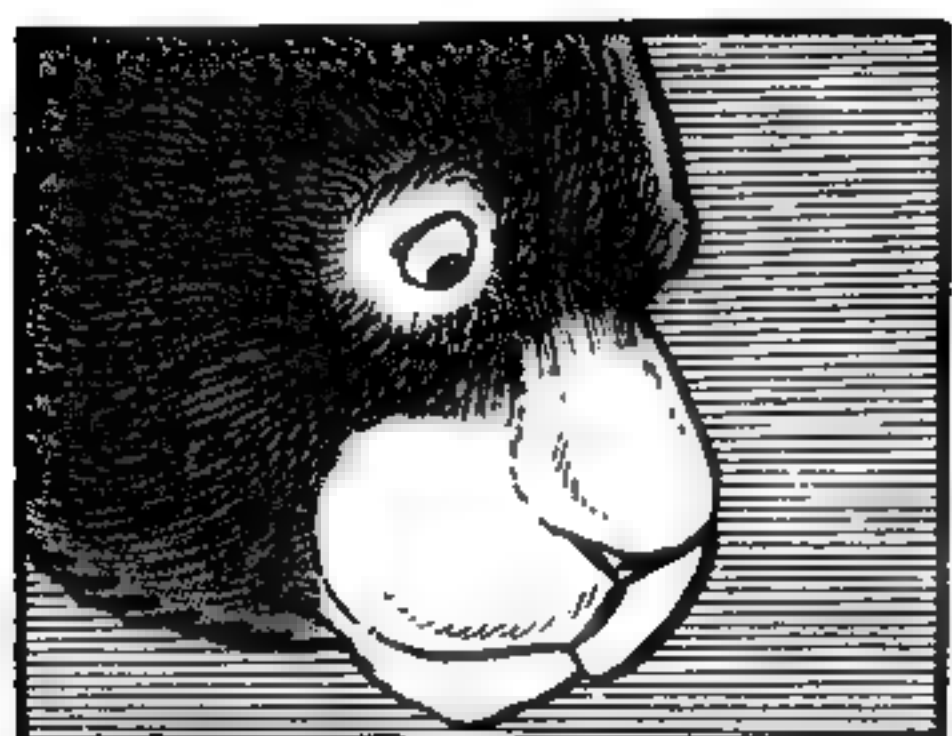
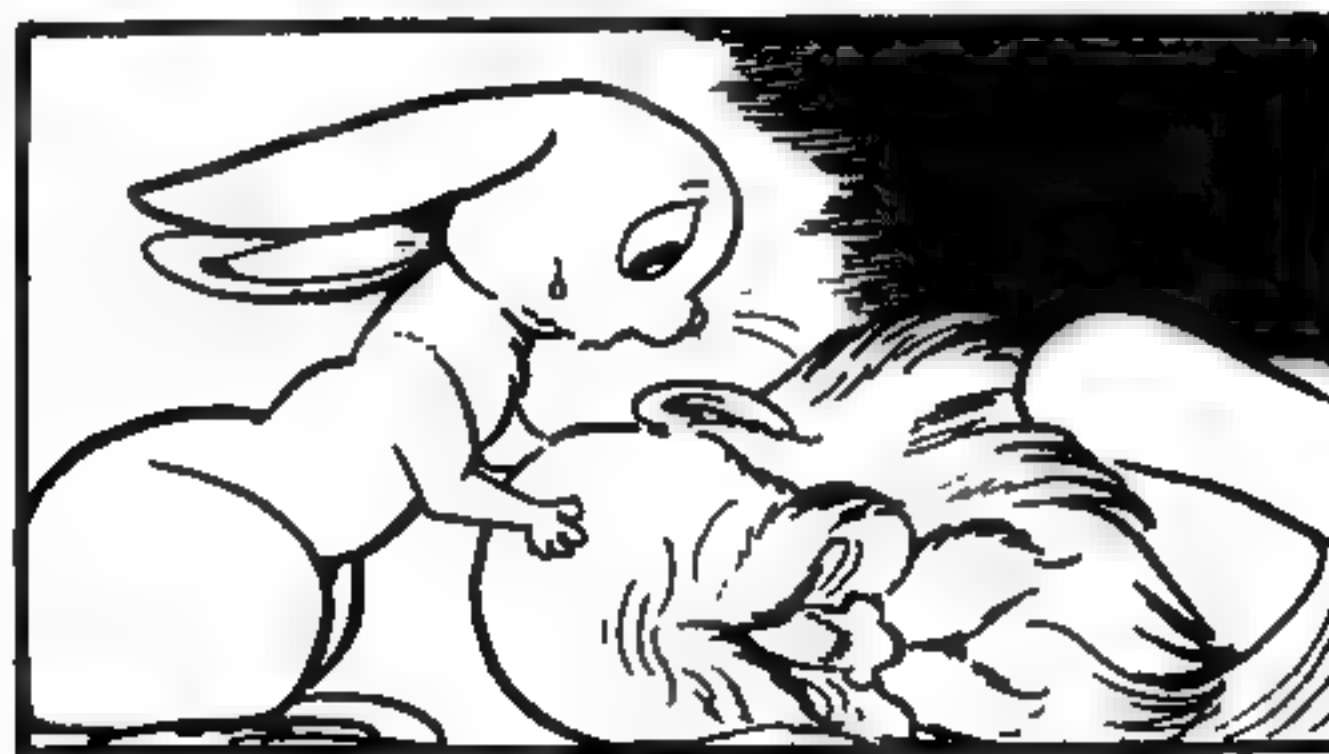
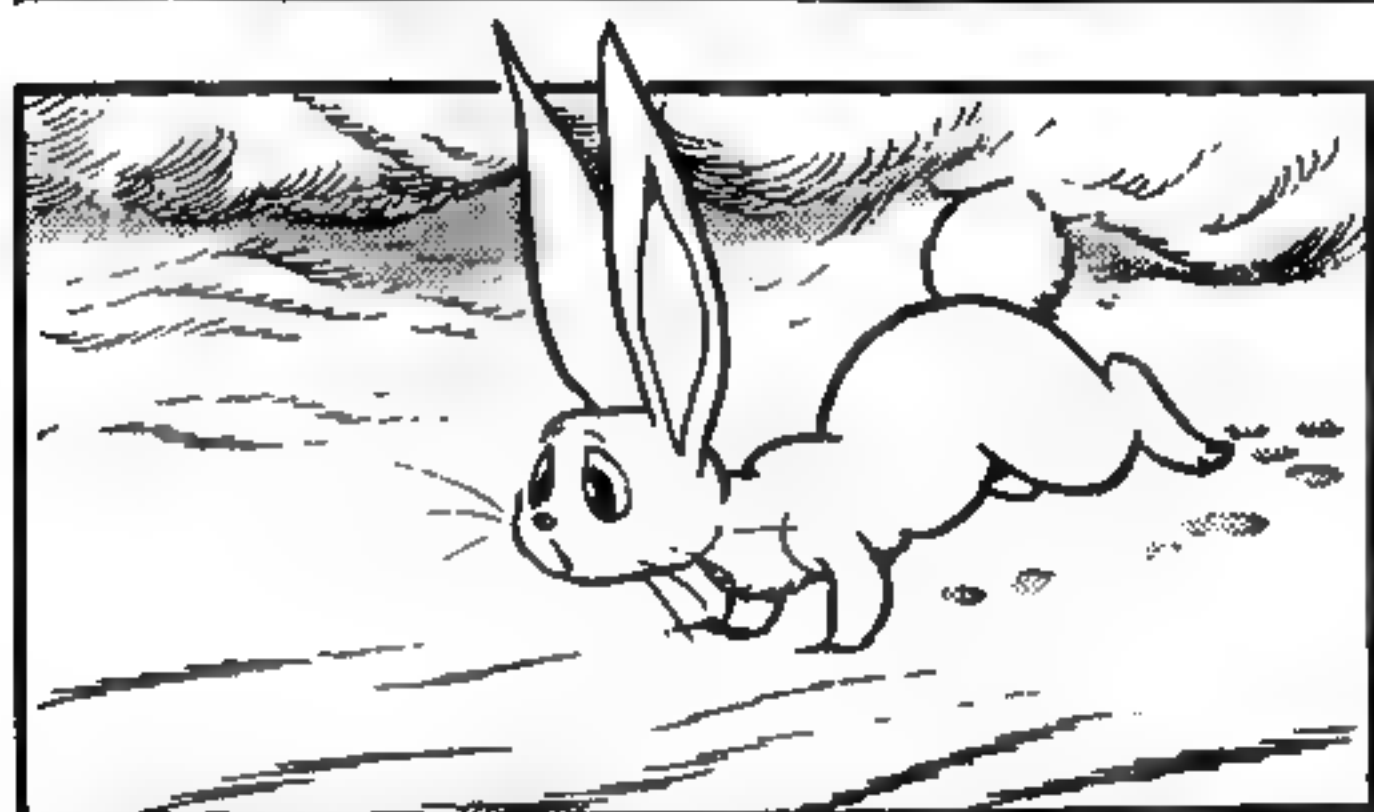
BUT IN TIME,
THE BRAHMIN BEGAN
TO INDULGE IN
EXTRAVAGANCES...

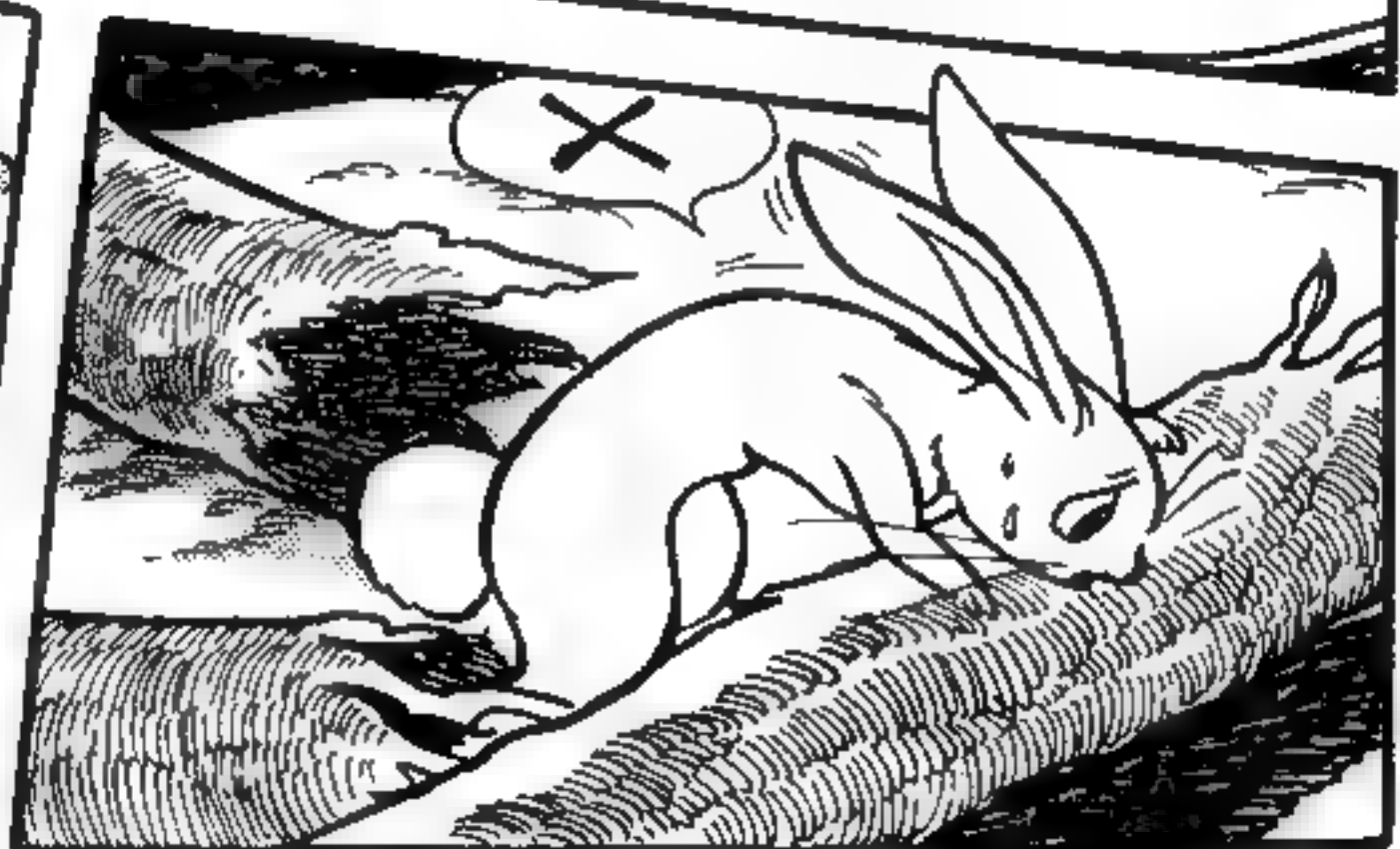
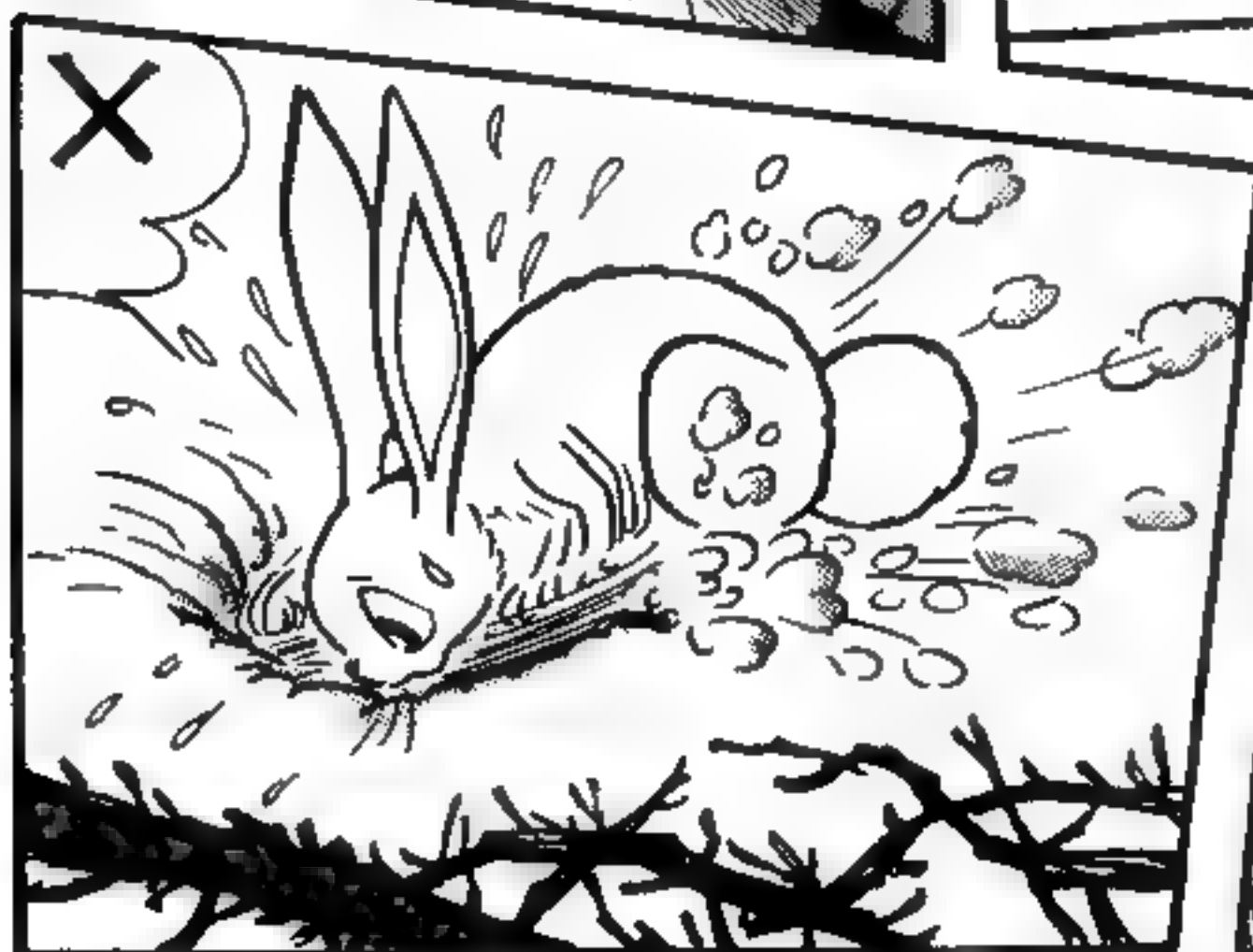
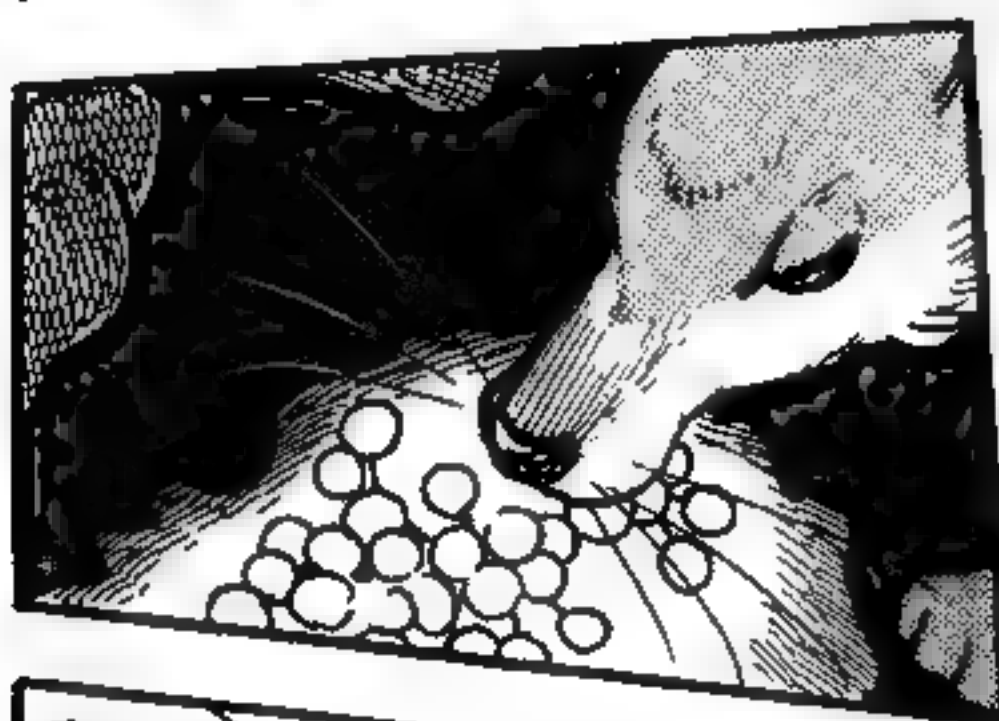
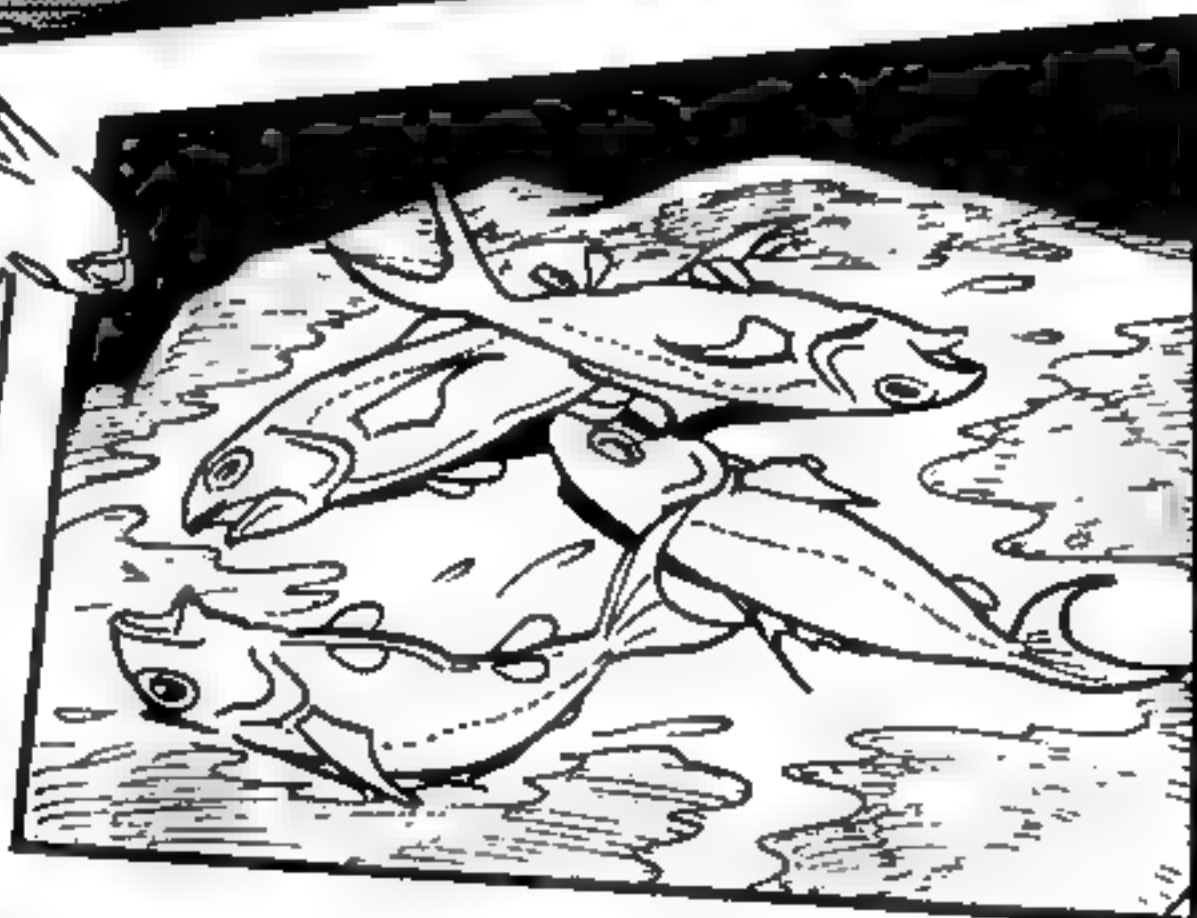


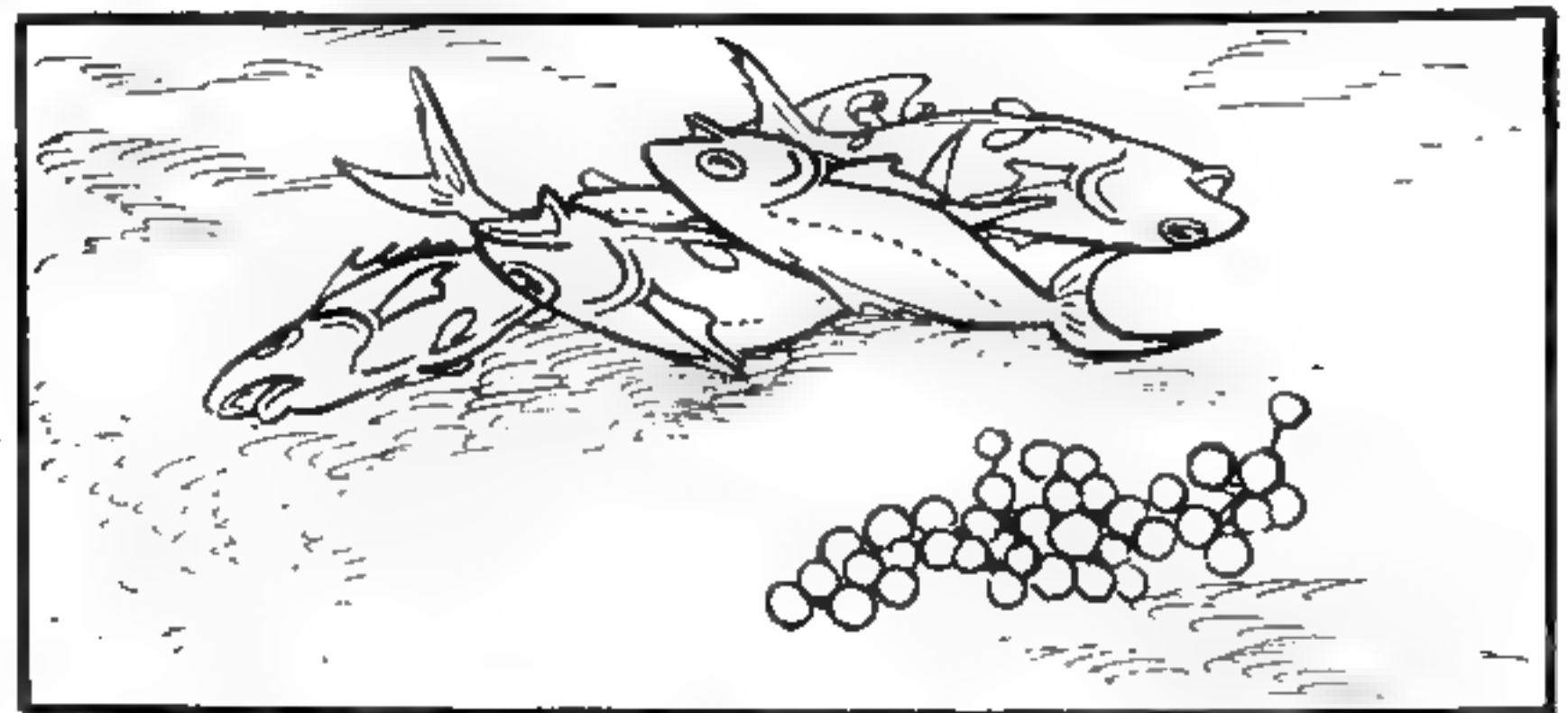
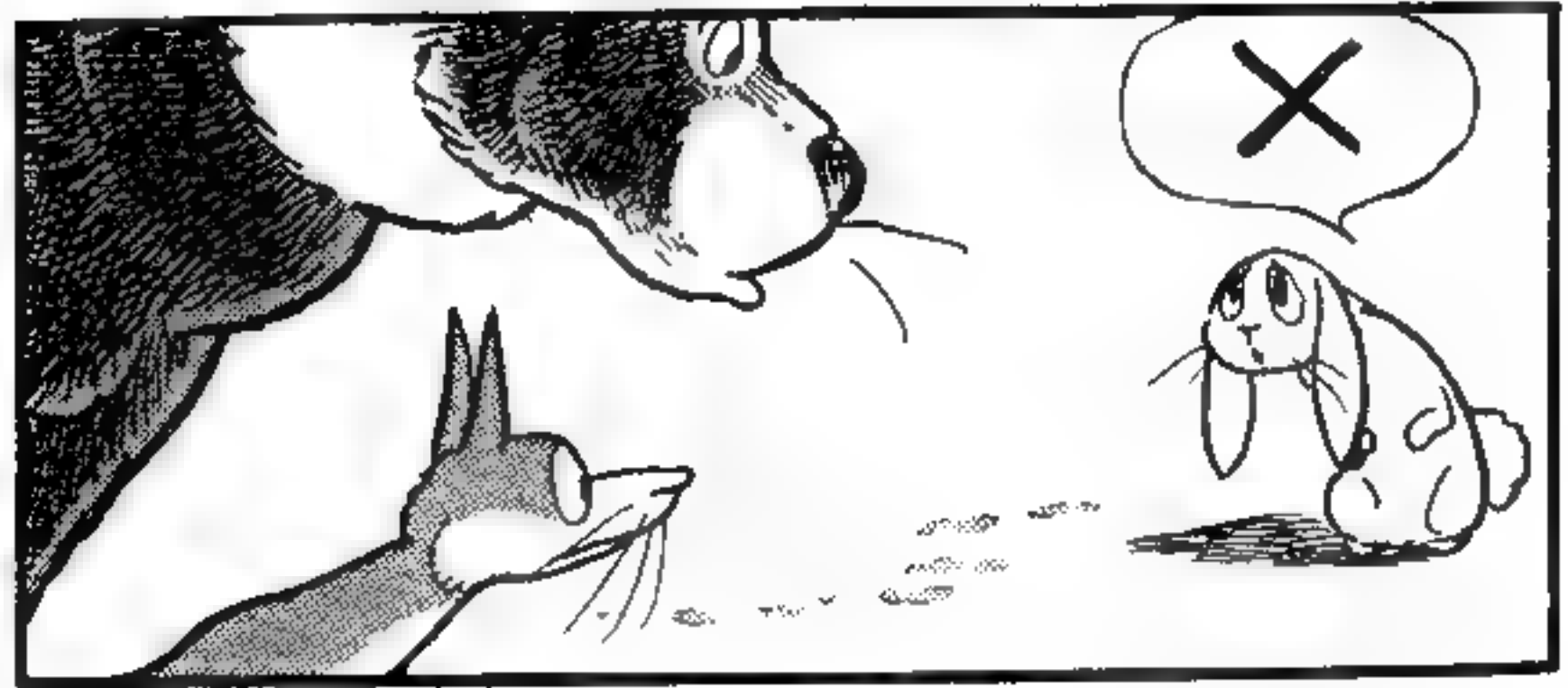
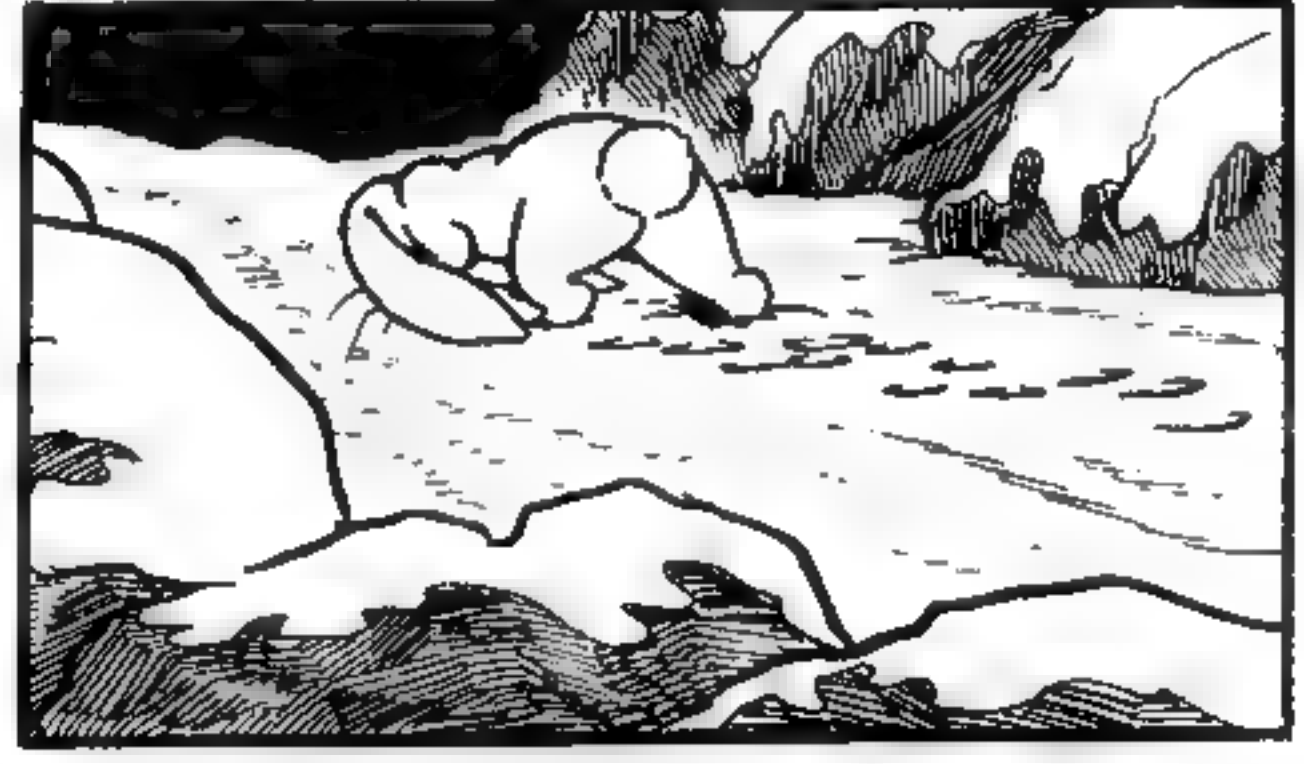
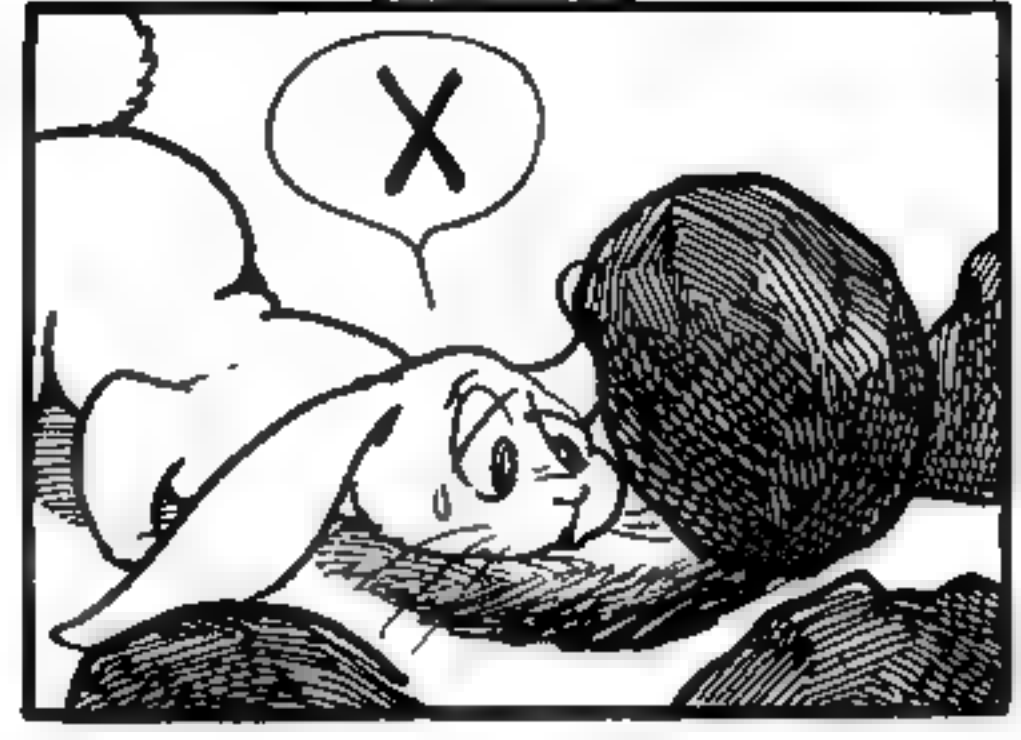
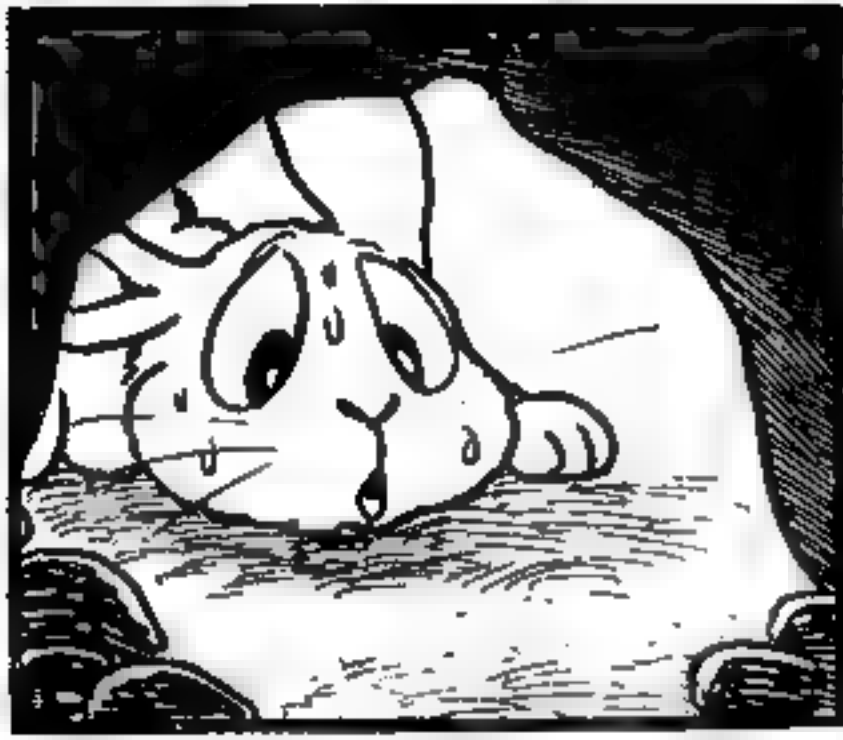


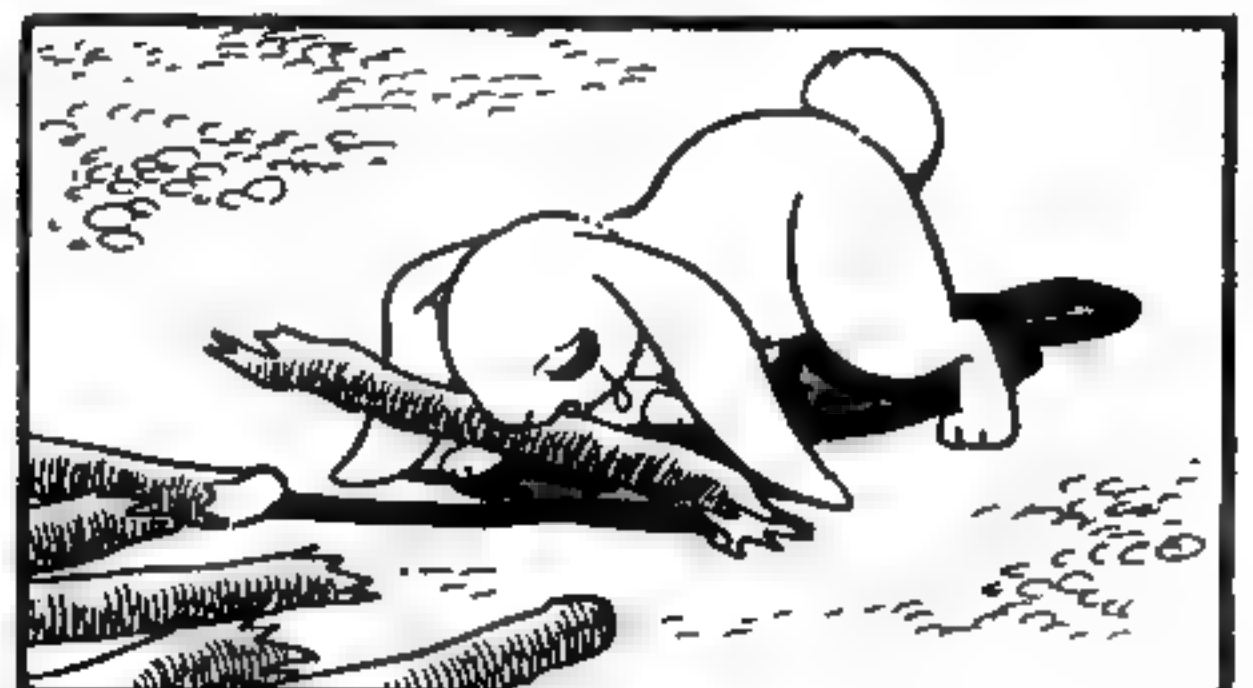
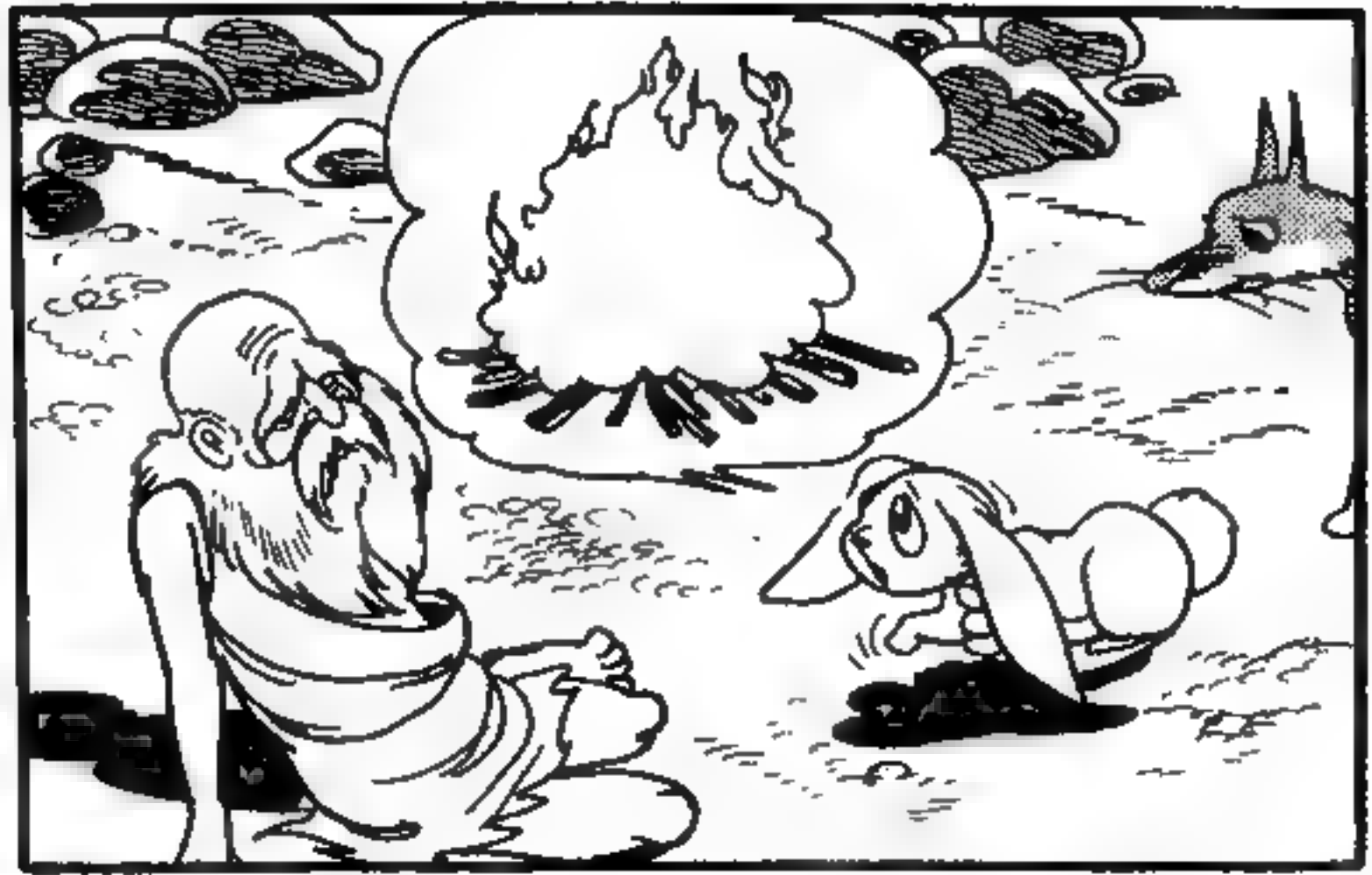
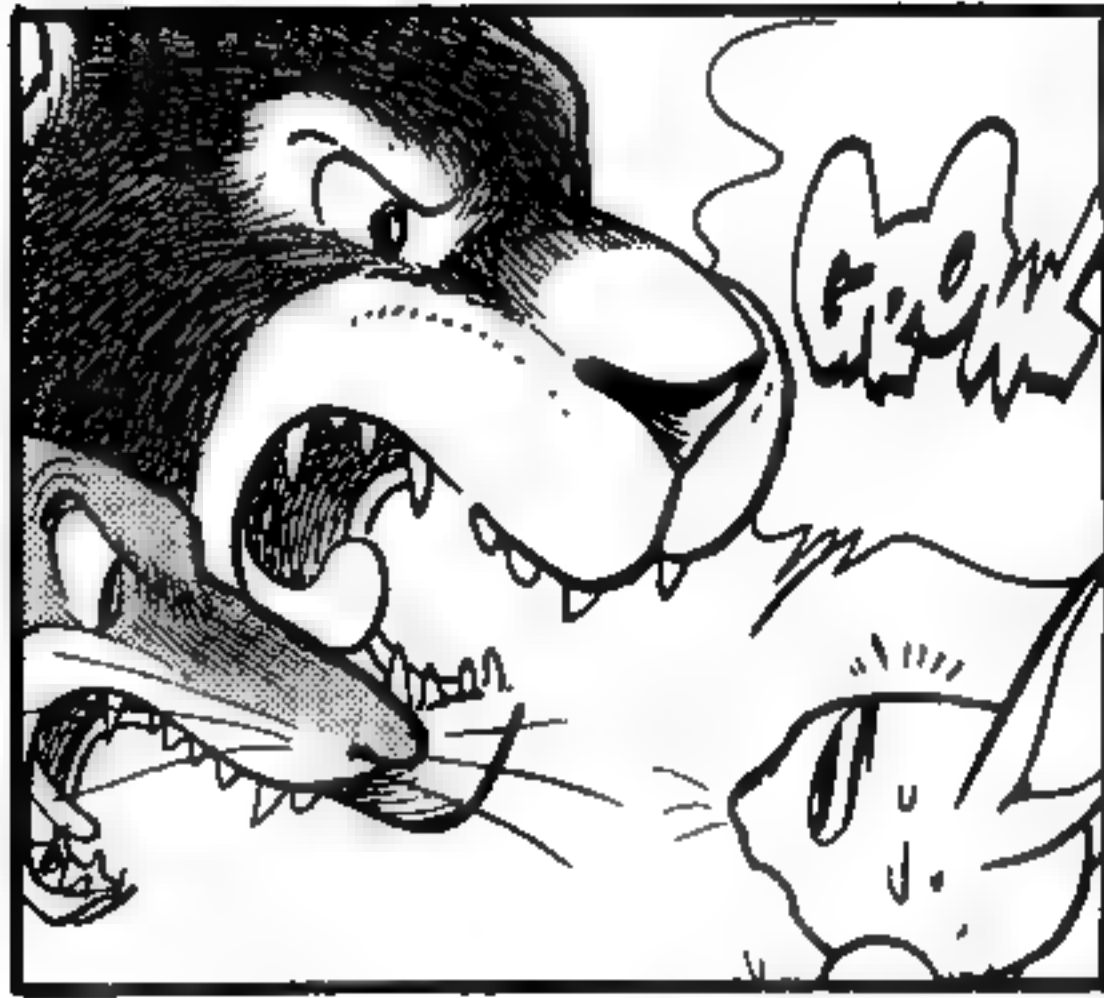


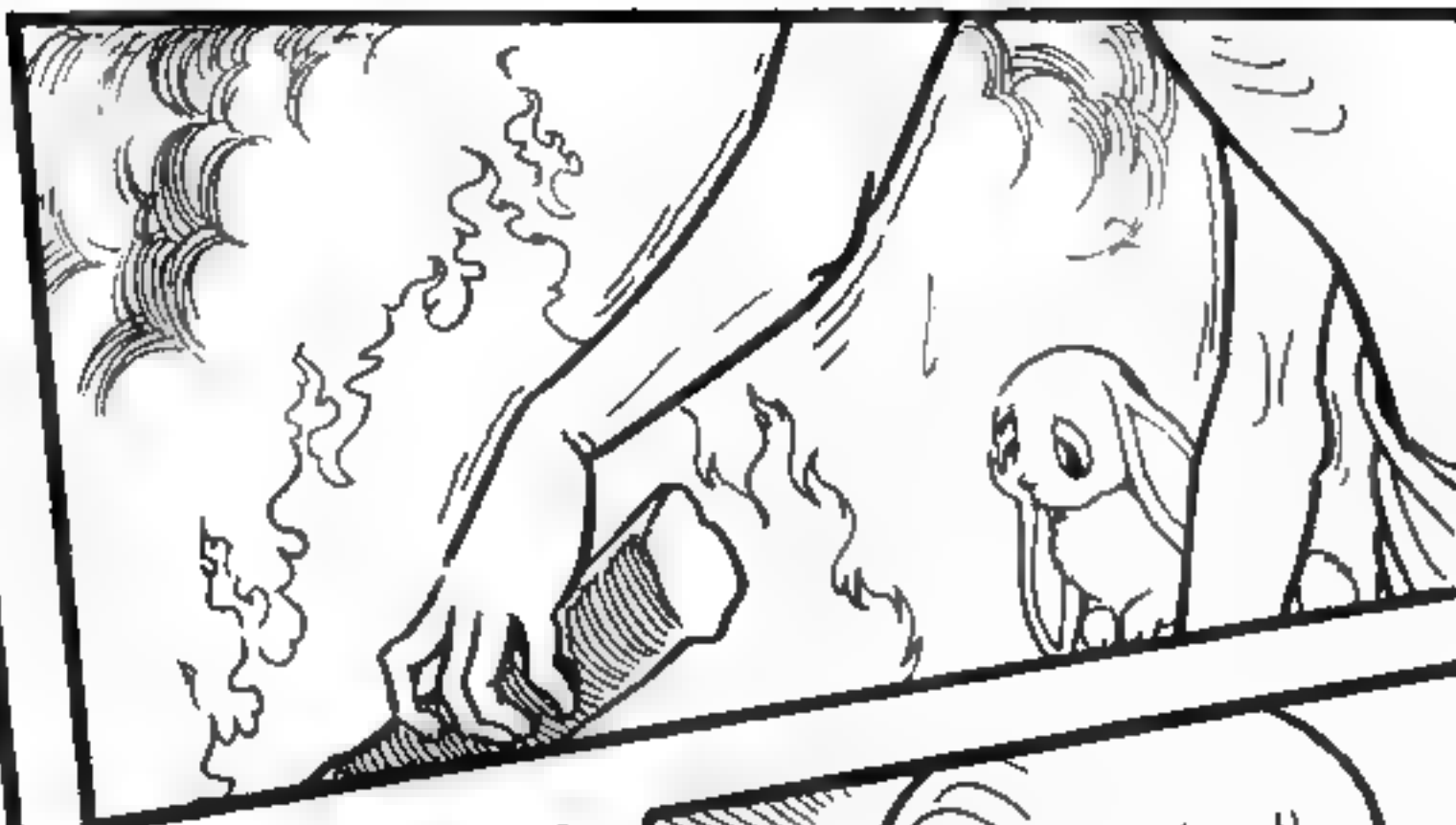


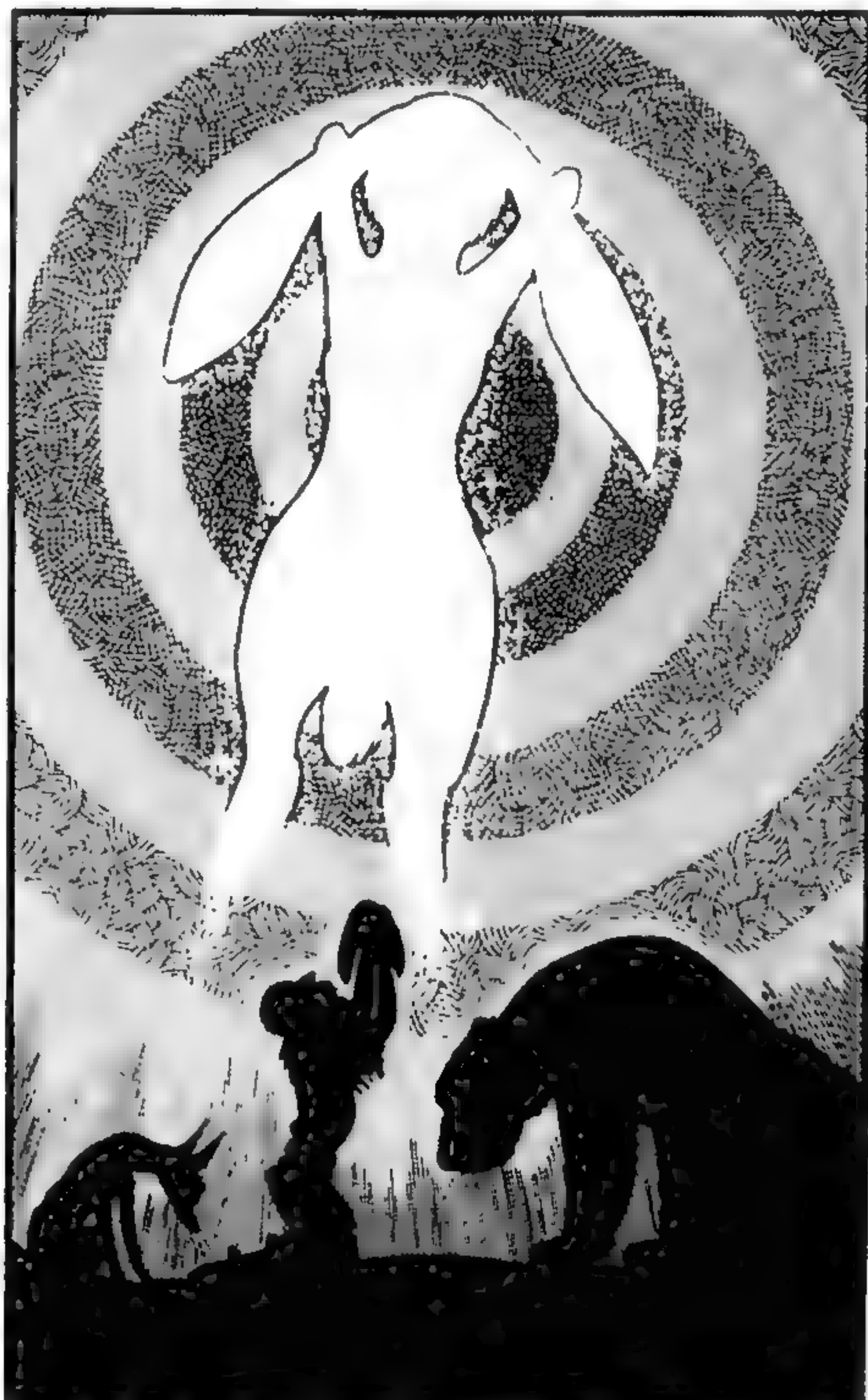
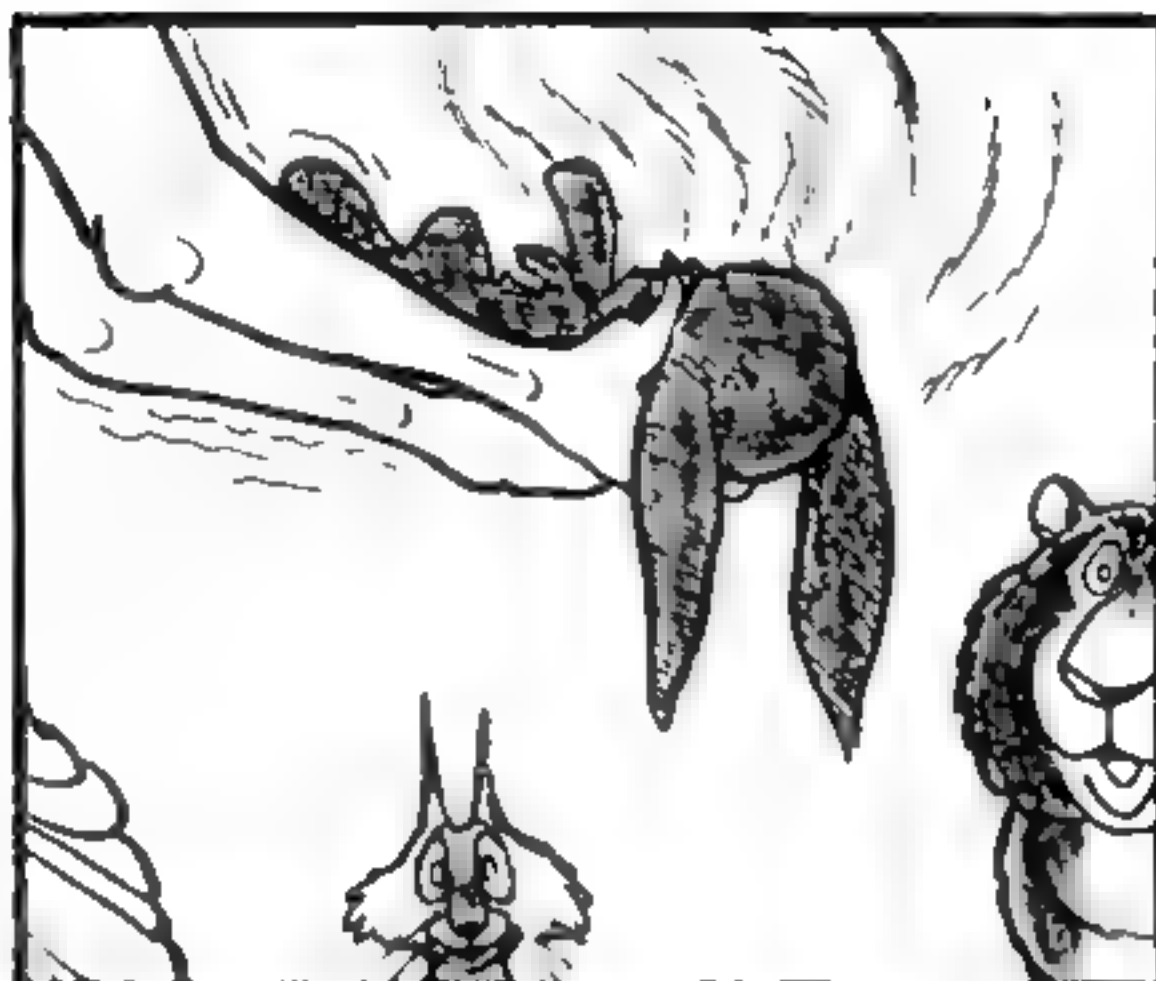
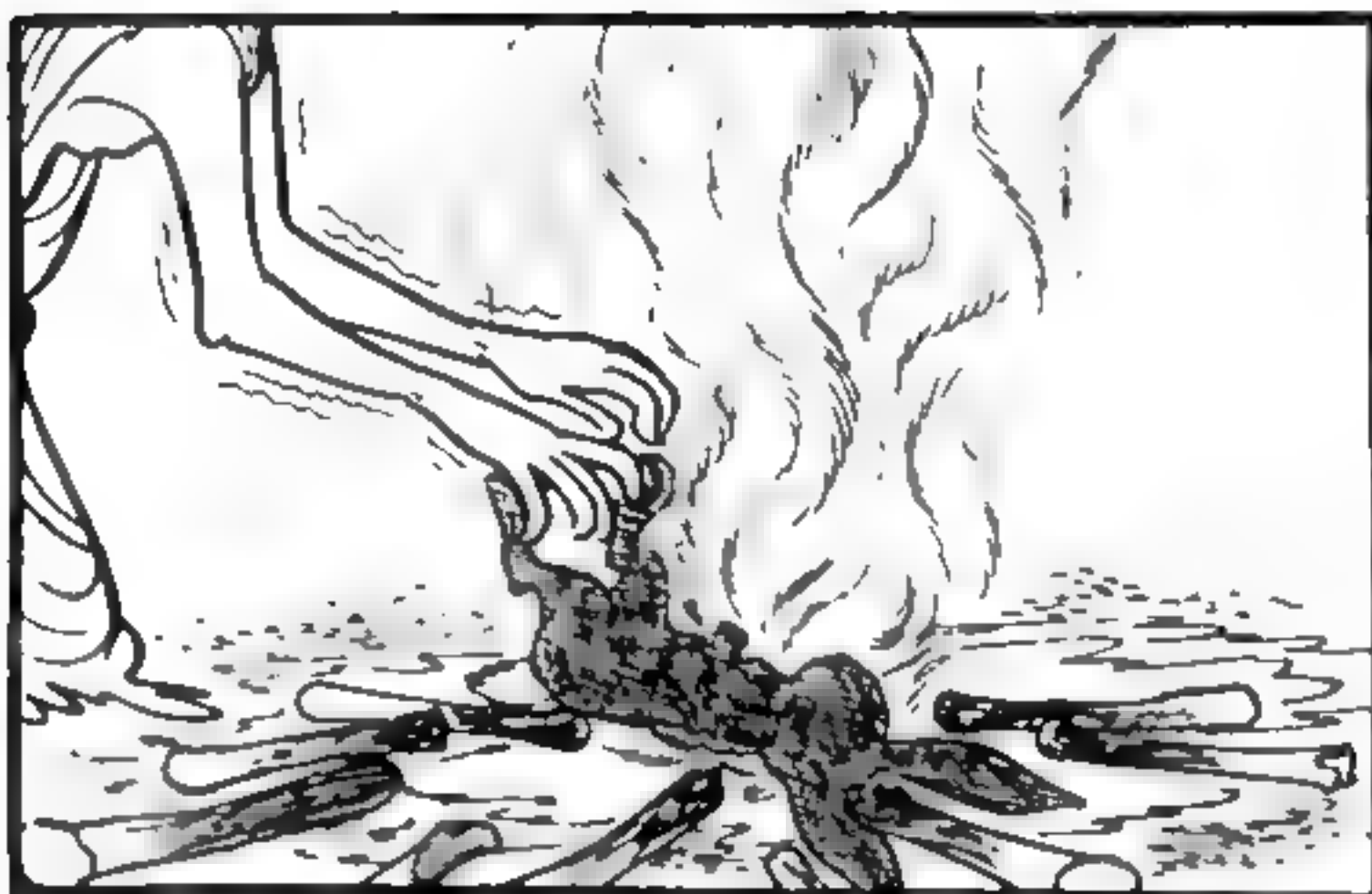




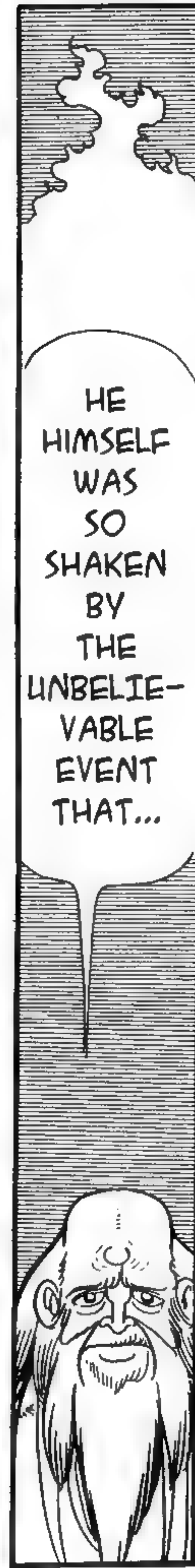
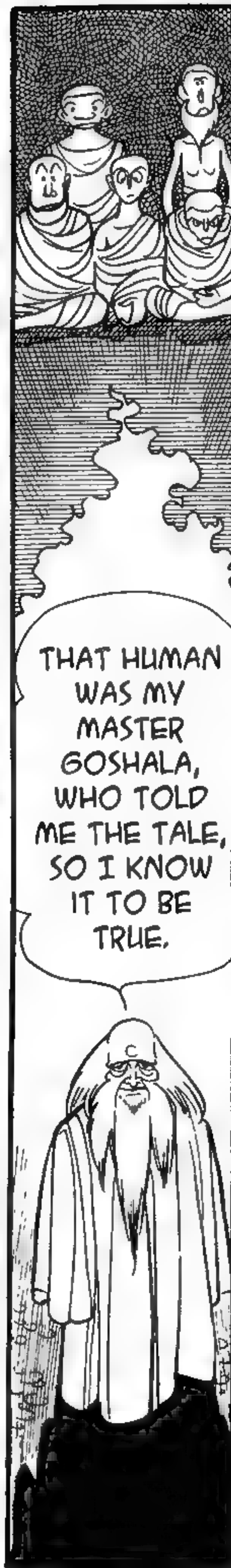












AFTERWARDS,
HE WANDERED DOWN
THE MOUNTAIN
IN A DAZE AND
TOOK TO BED FOR
10 FULL DAYS.

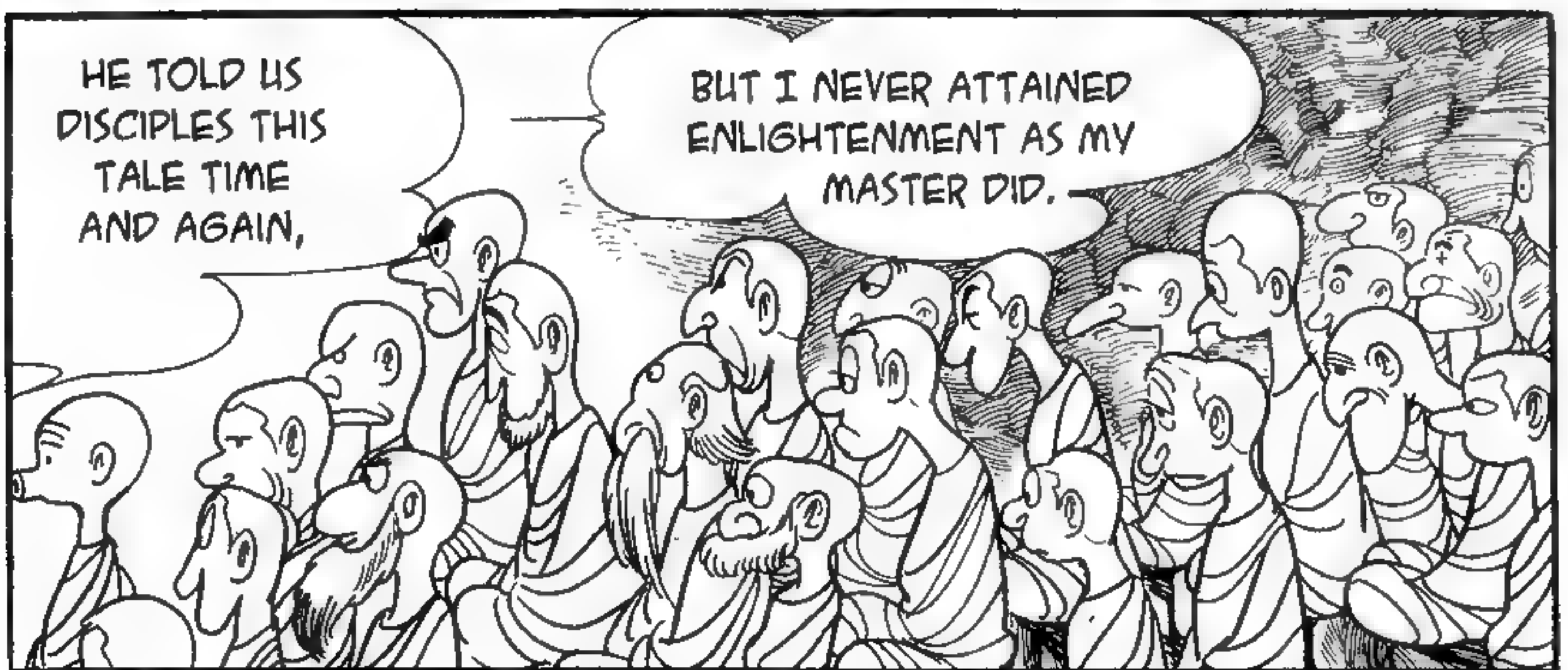
DURING
THAT TIME,
HE ACHIEVED
ENLIGHTENMENT.

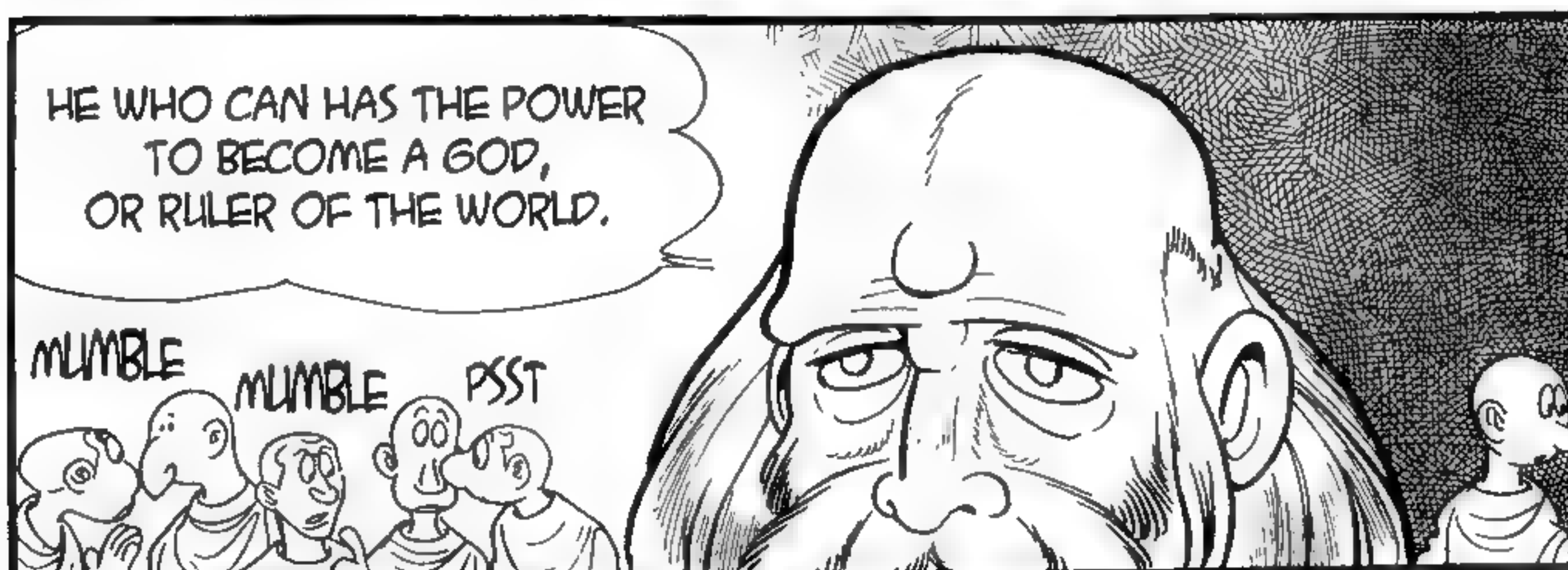
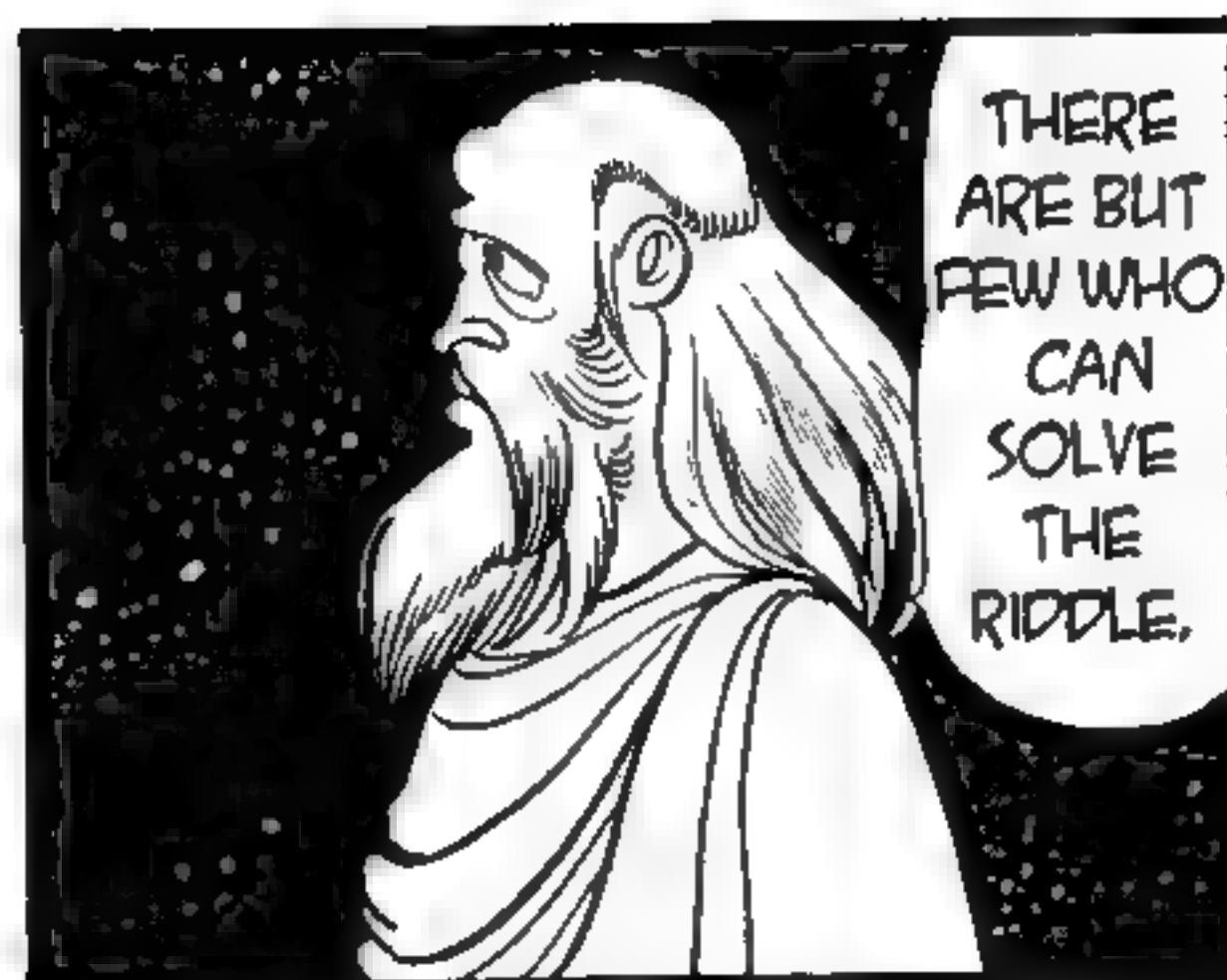
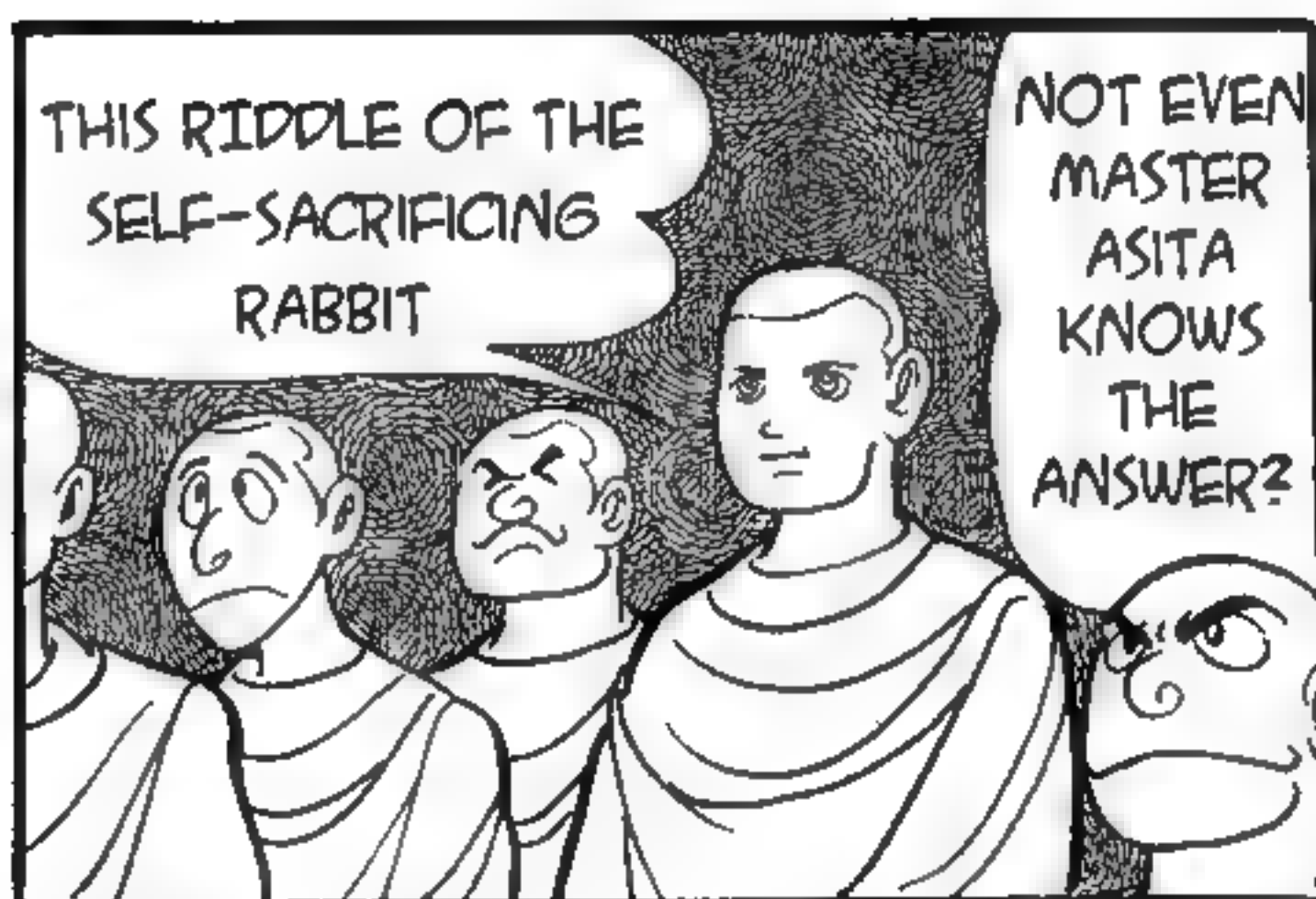
HE GRASPED
THE GREAT
CHAIN OF
EVENTS
THAT IS
OUR
WORLD.

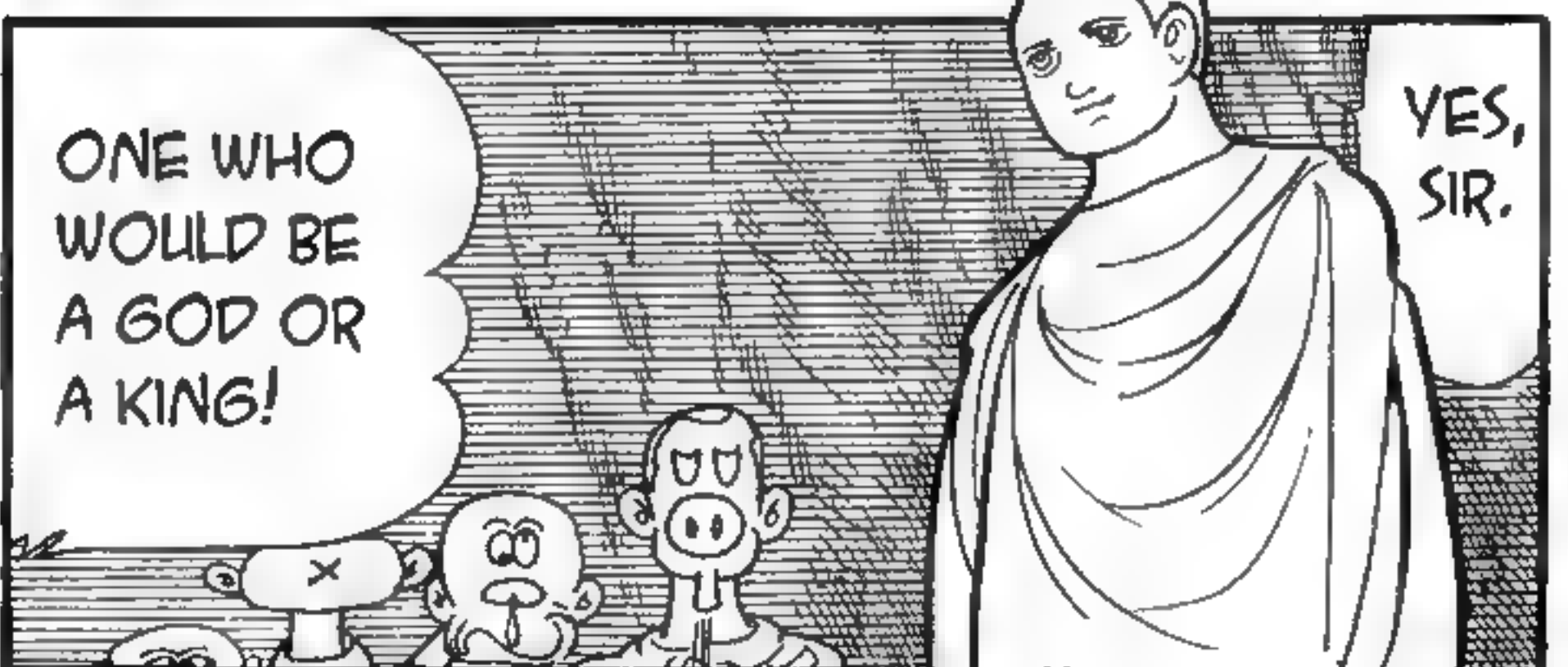
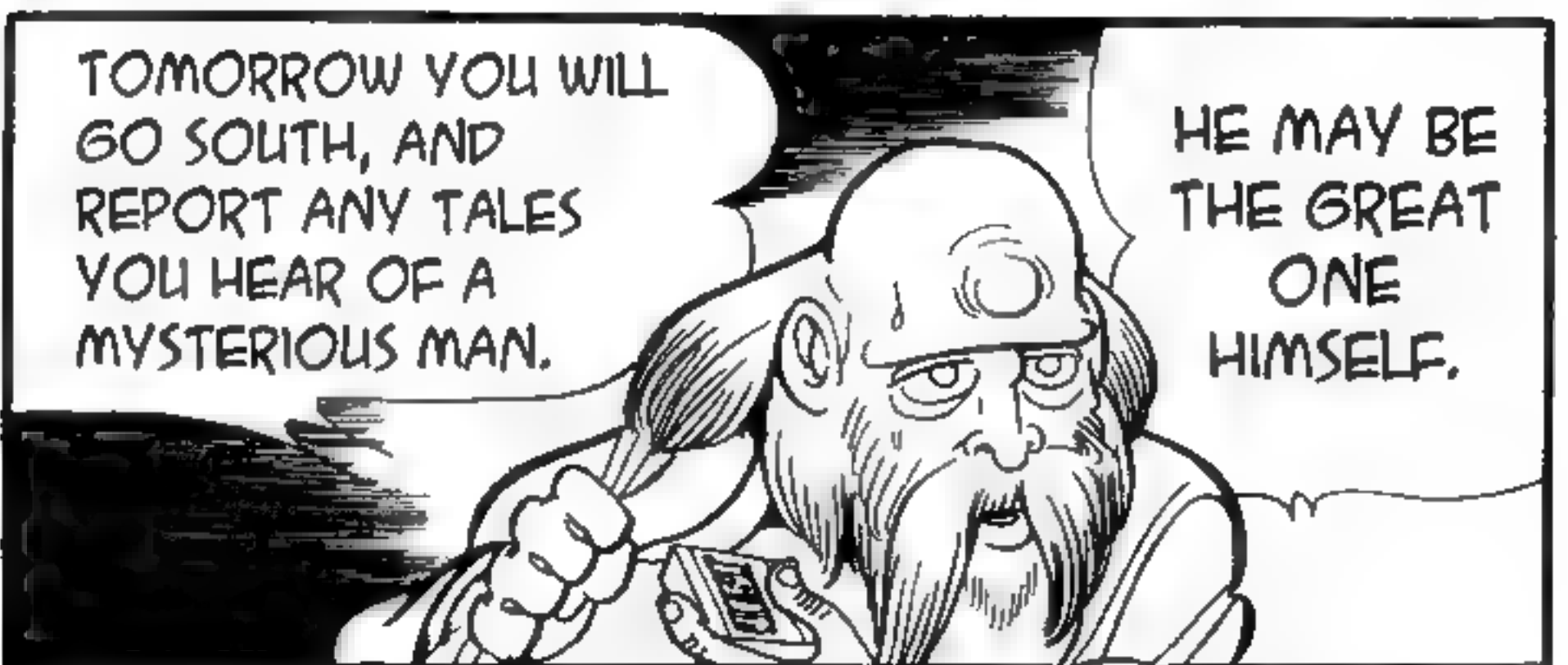
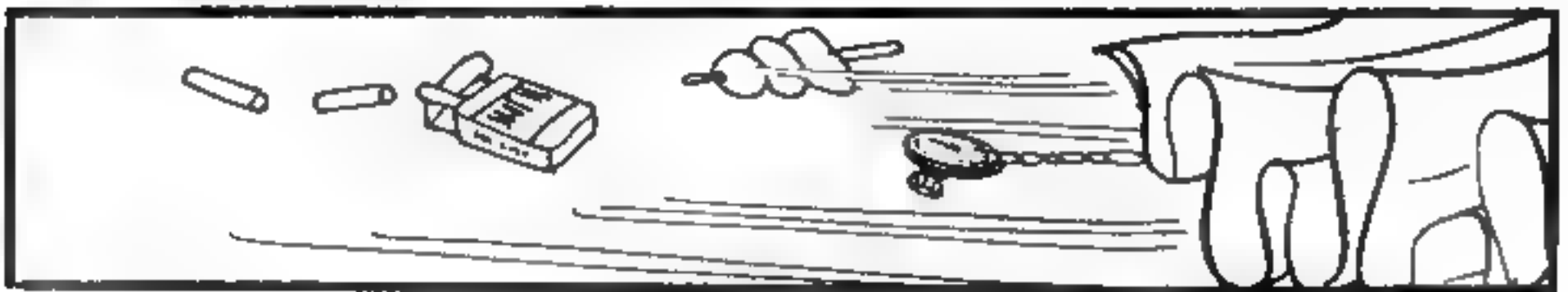
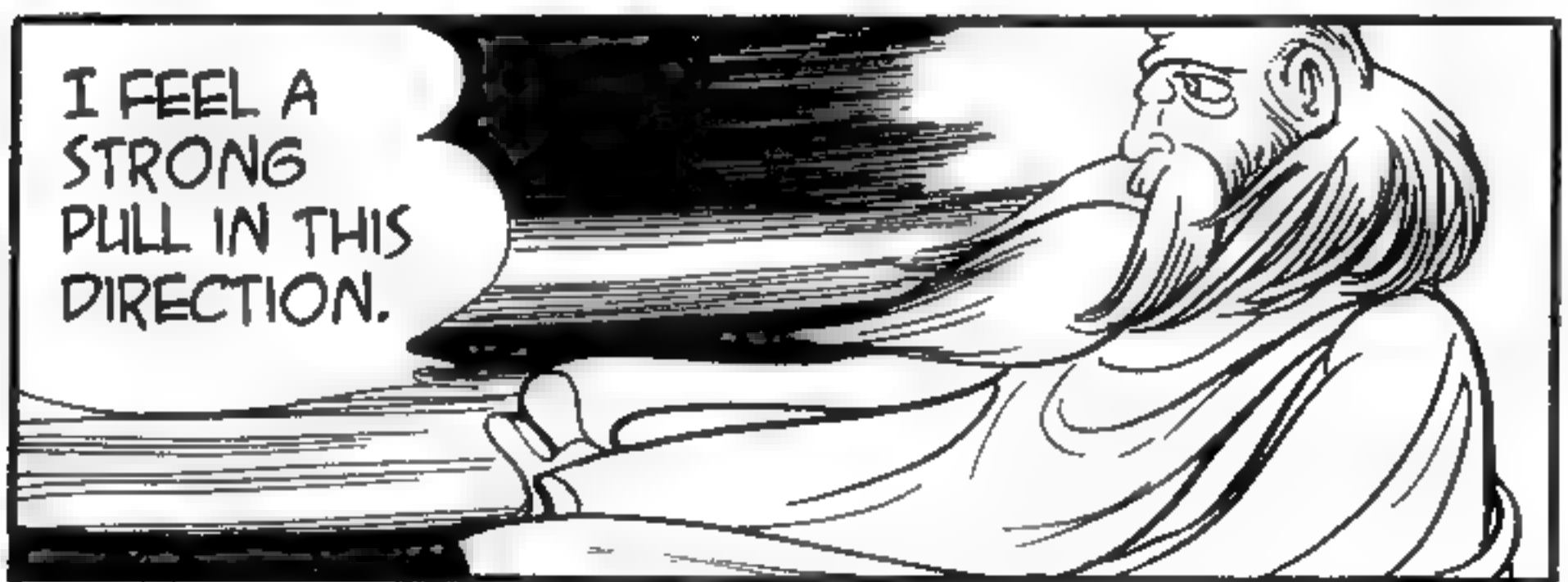


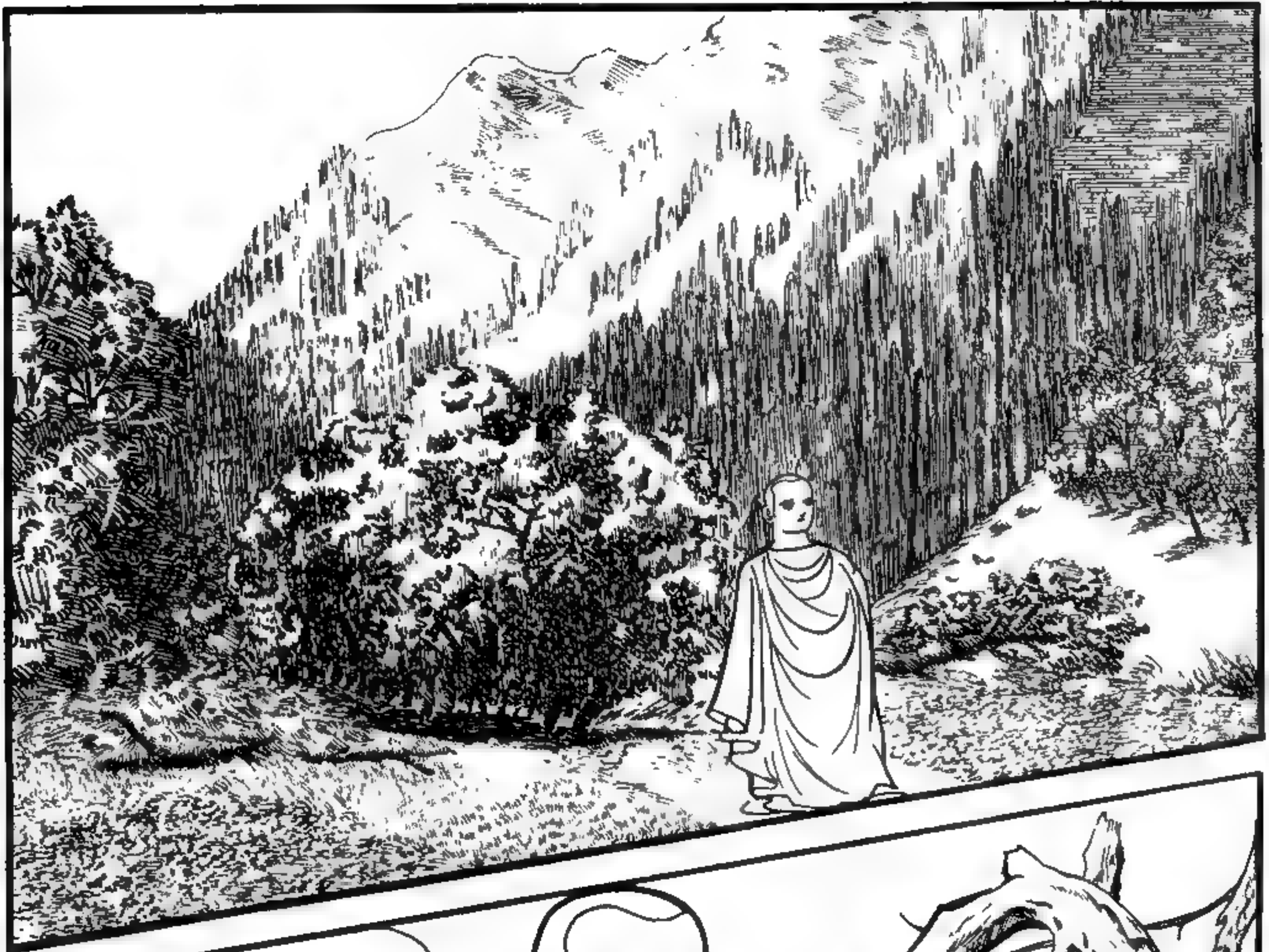
HE TOLD US
DISCIPLES THIS
TALE TIME
AND AGAIN,

BUT I NEVER ATTAINED
ENLIGHTENMENT AS MY
MASTER DID.







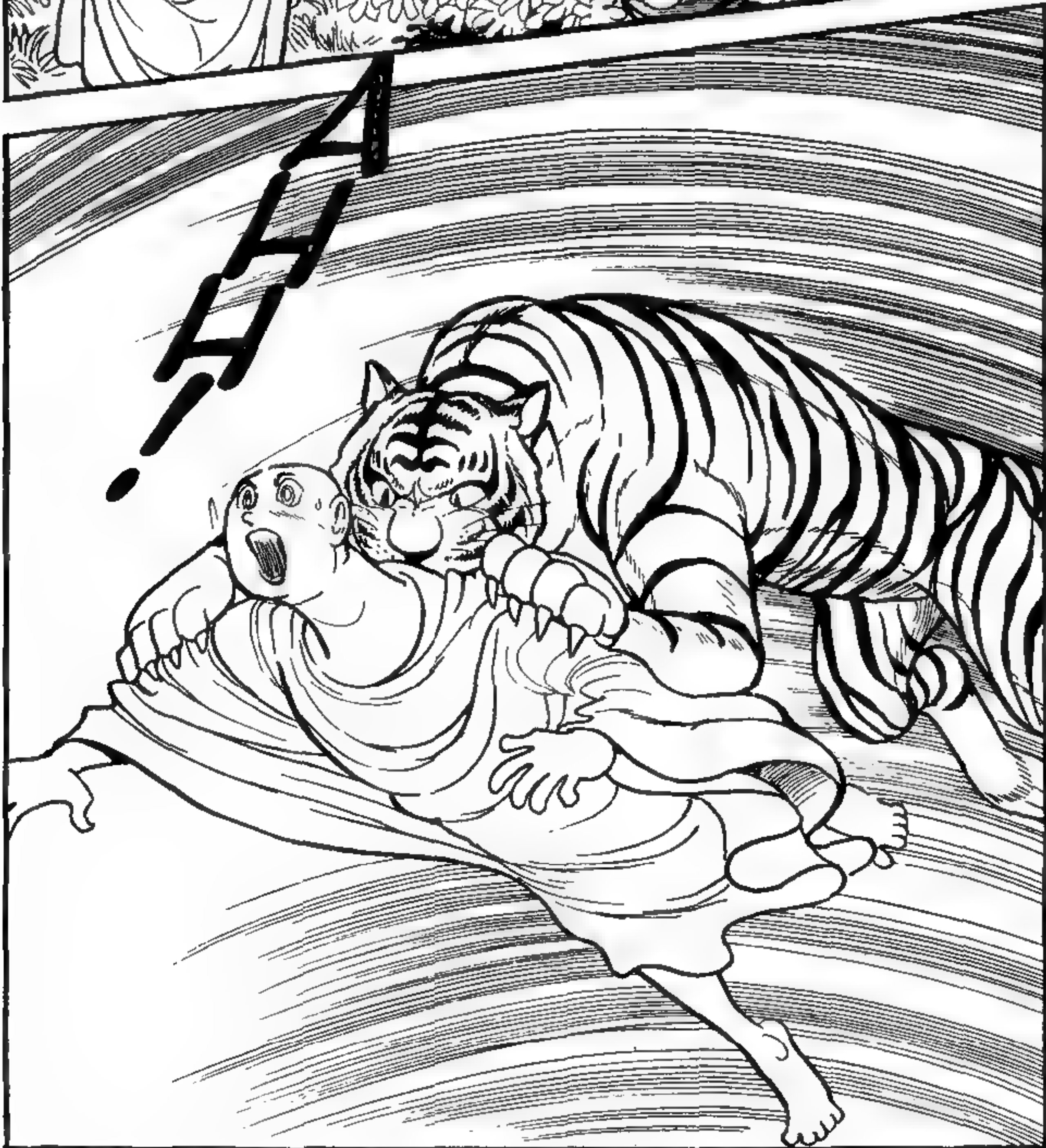


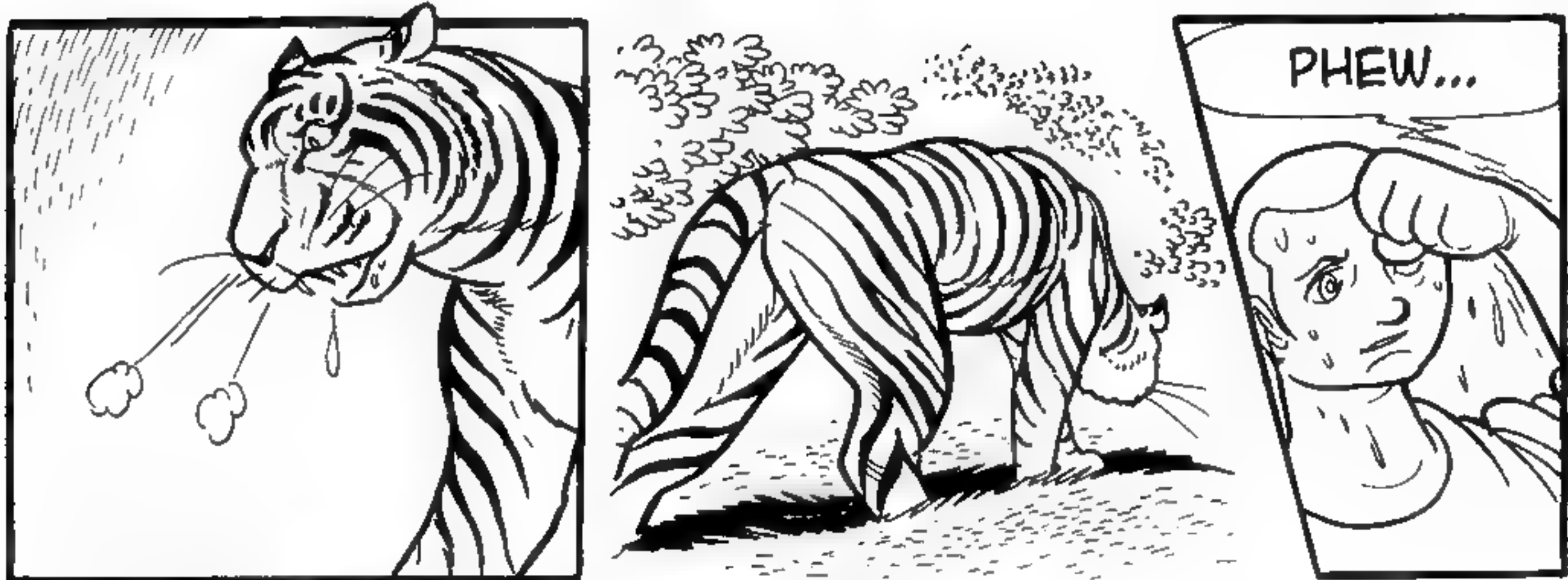
STRAIGHT
SOUTH, HUH?

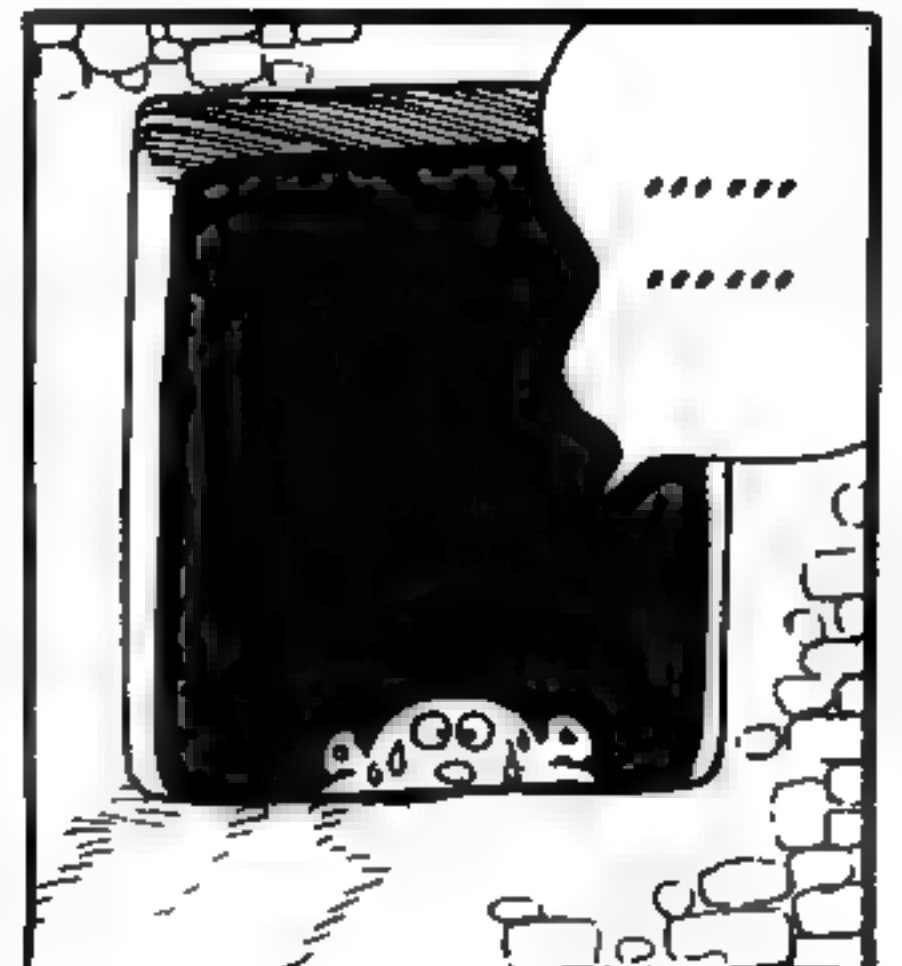
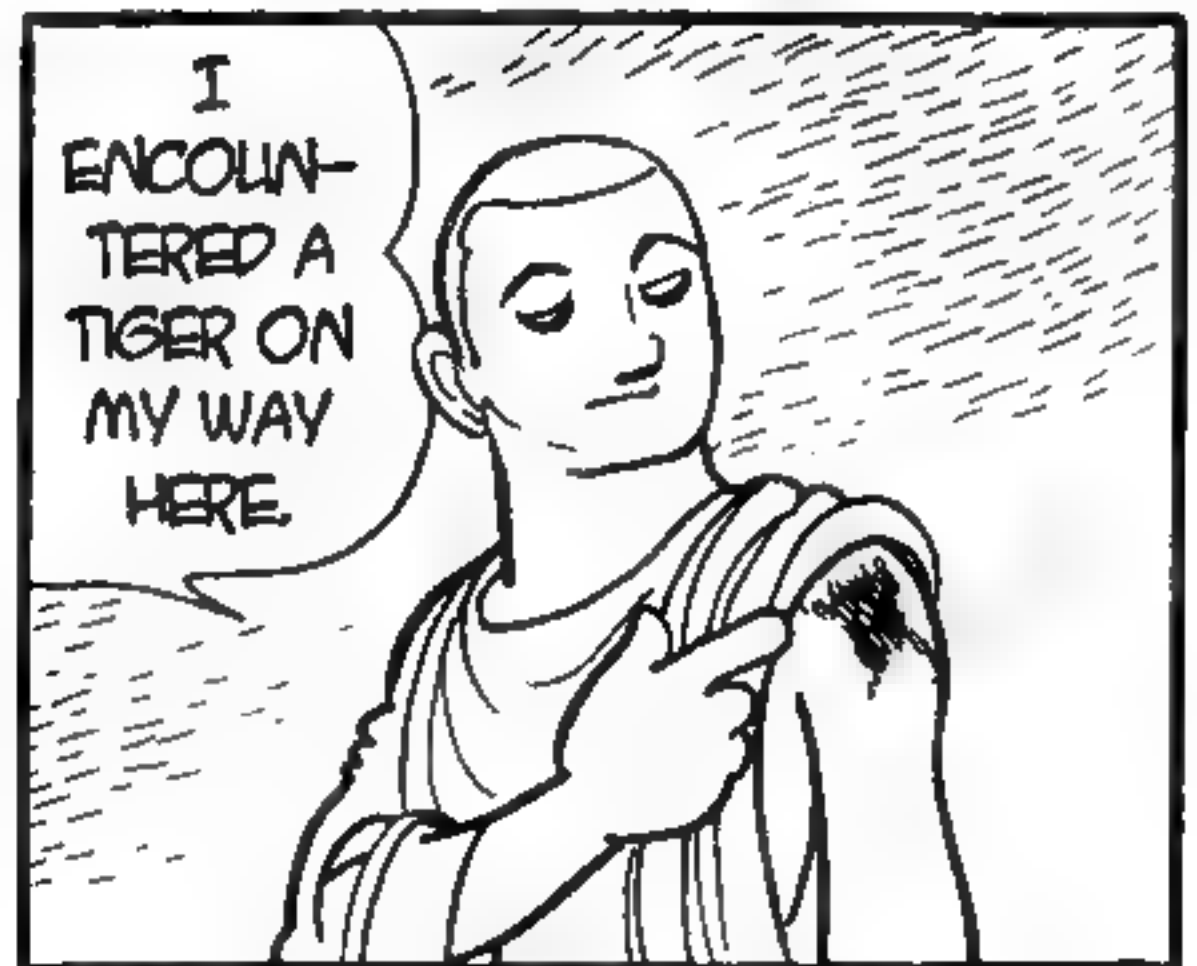
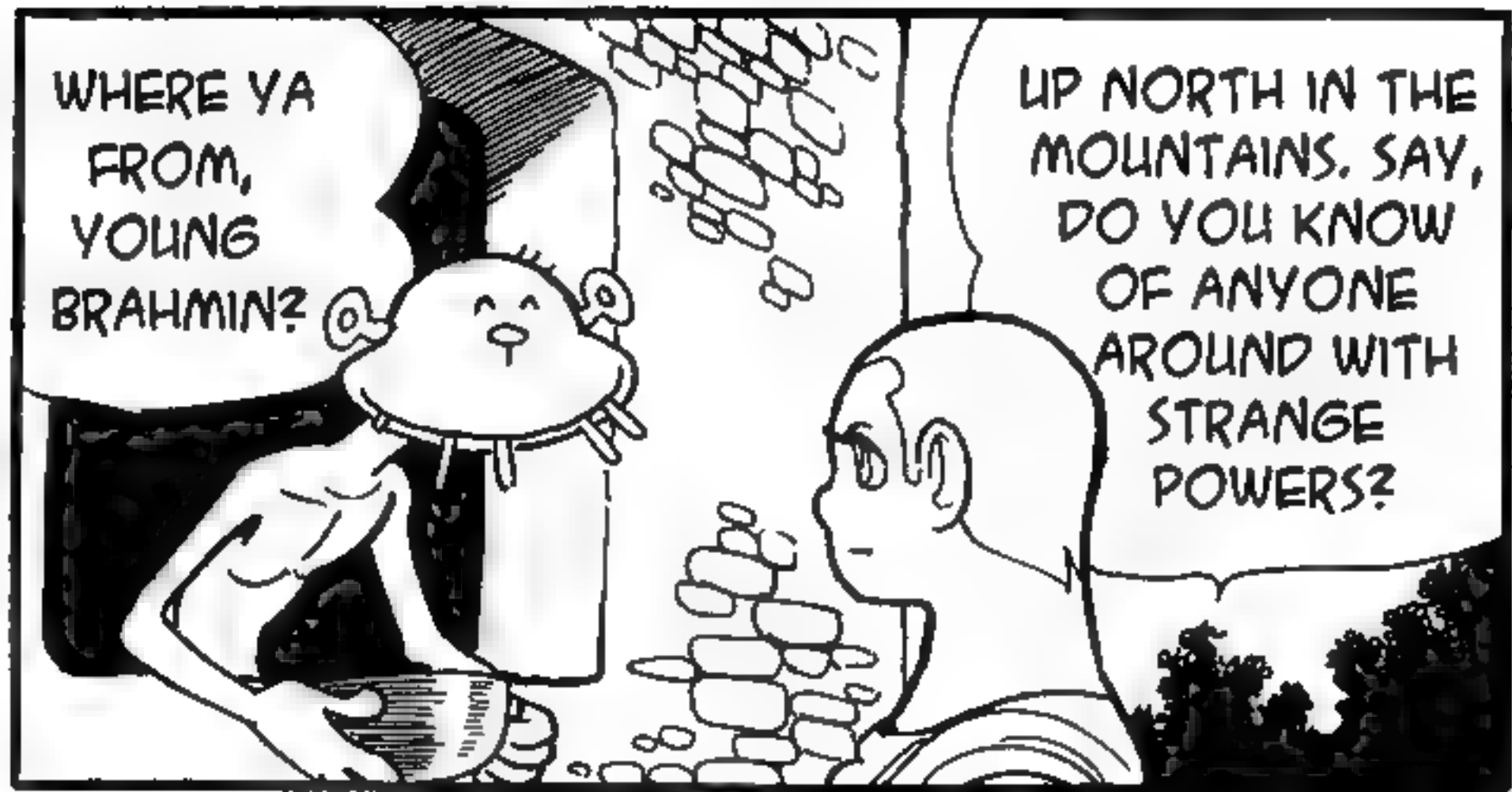
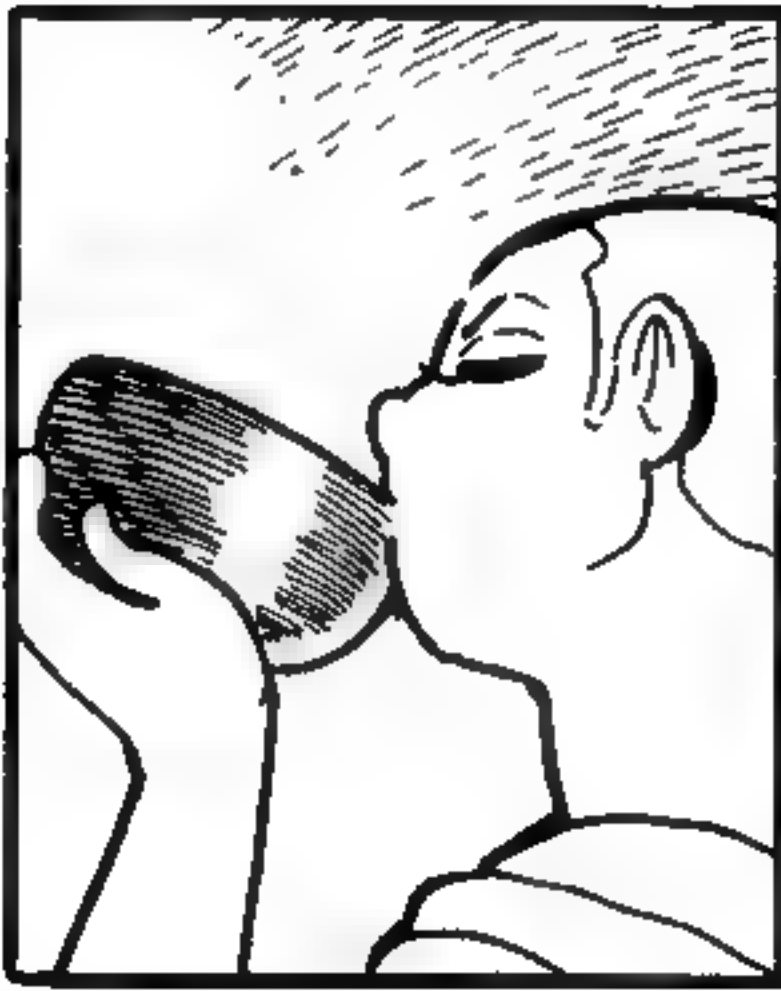
IF MASTER
ASITA
PREDICTED
TRULY,
I MAY SEE
WITH MY
OWN EYES
A FUTURE
GOD...

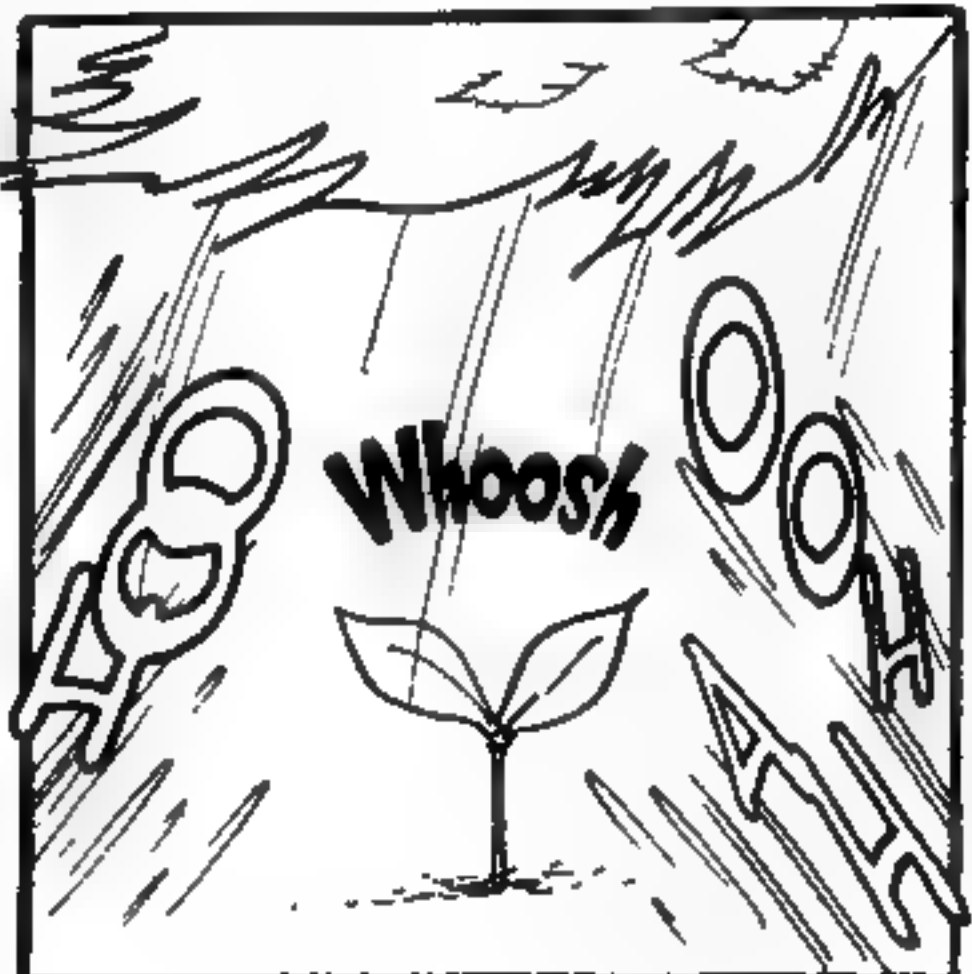
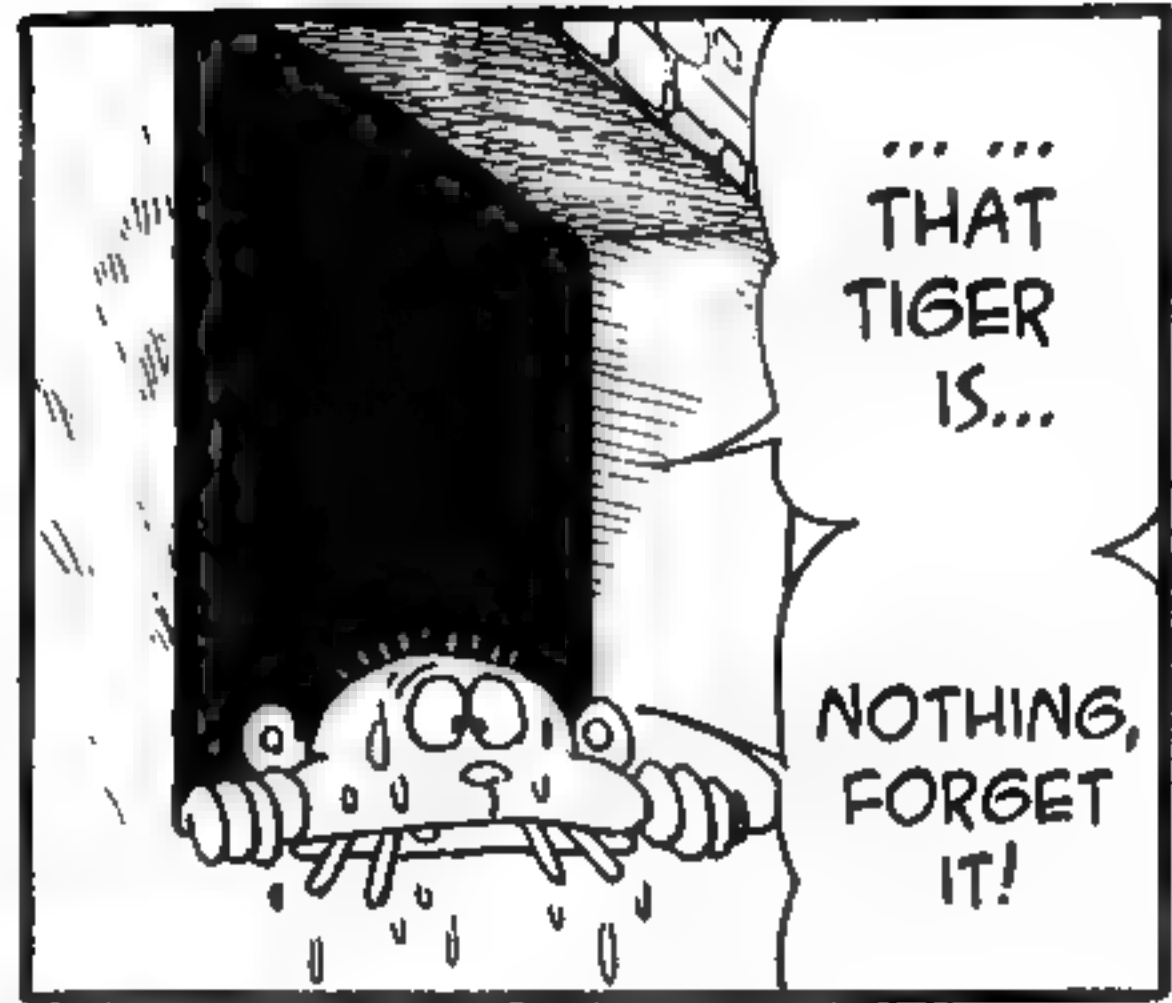
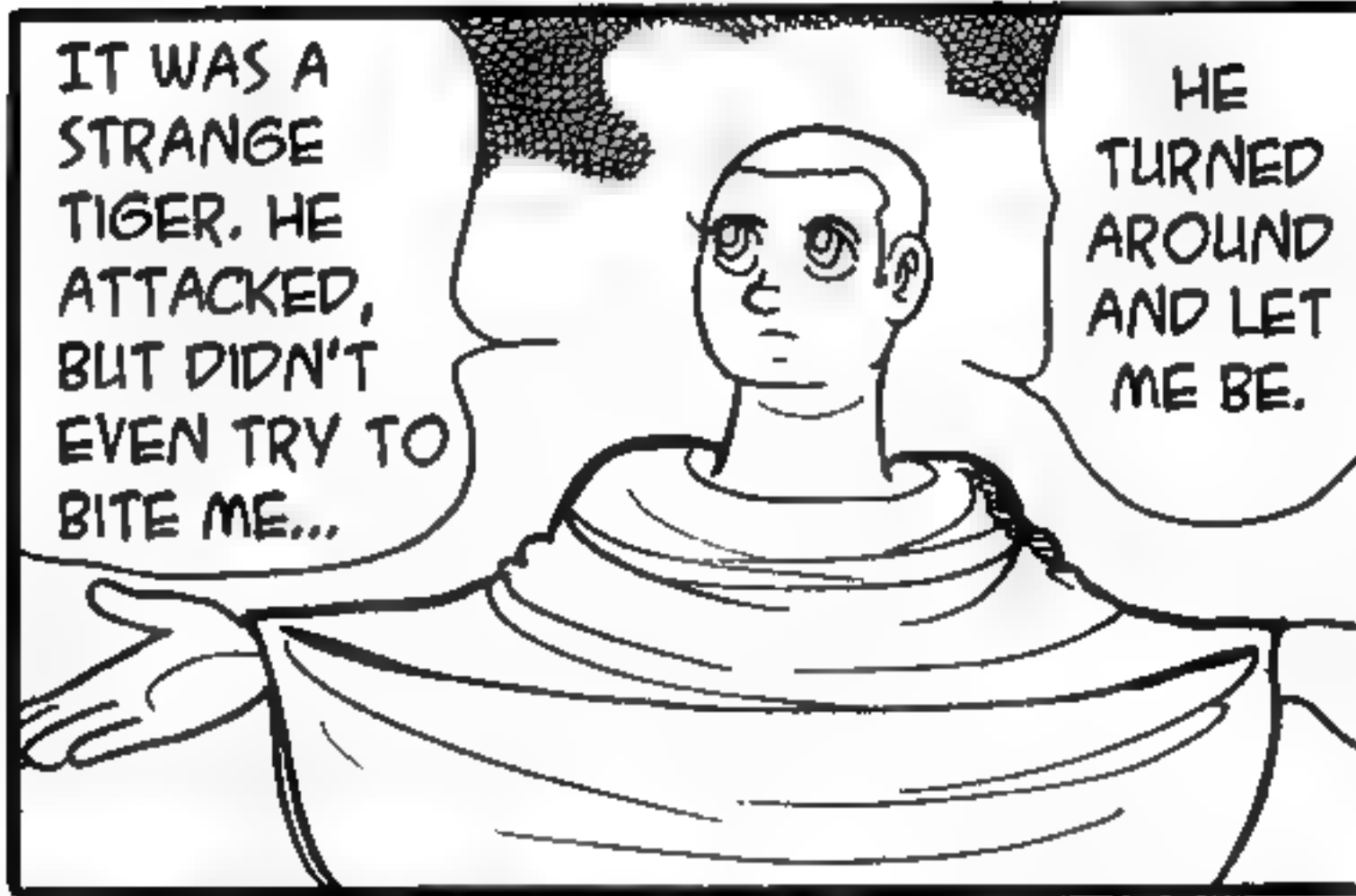
A RARE
CHANCE
INDEED...

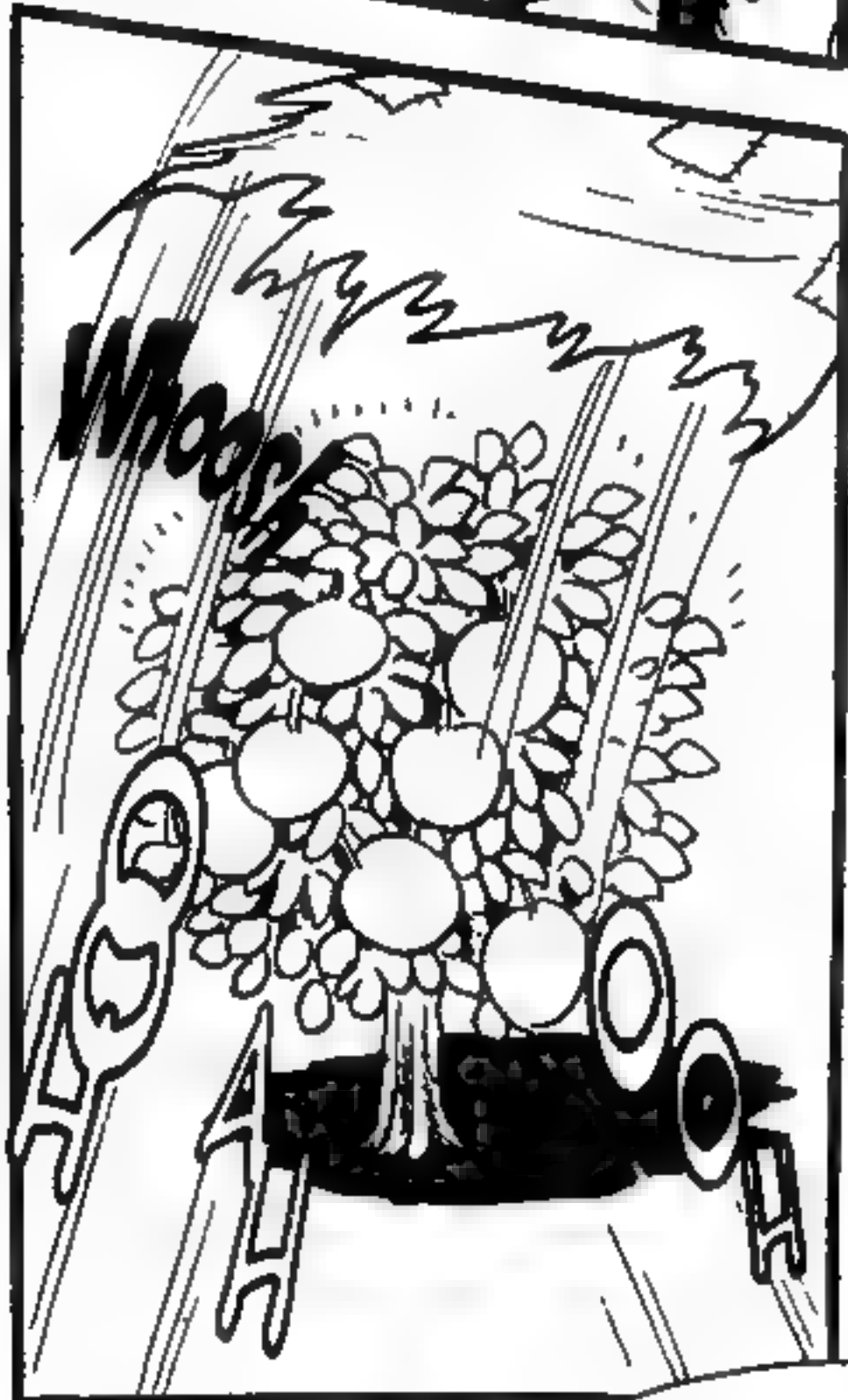
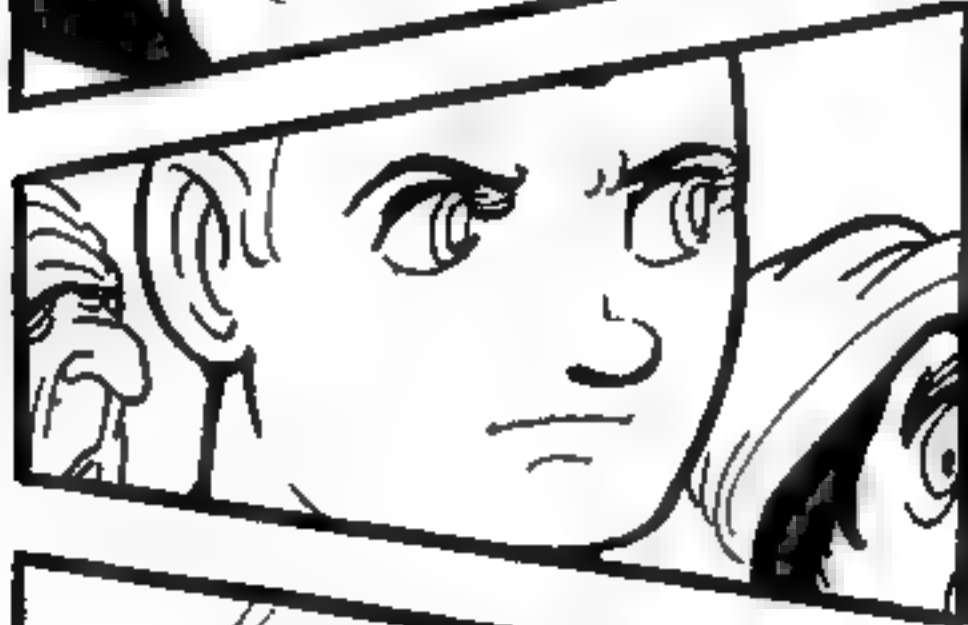


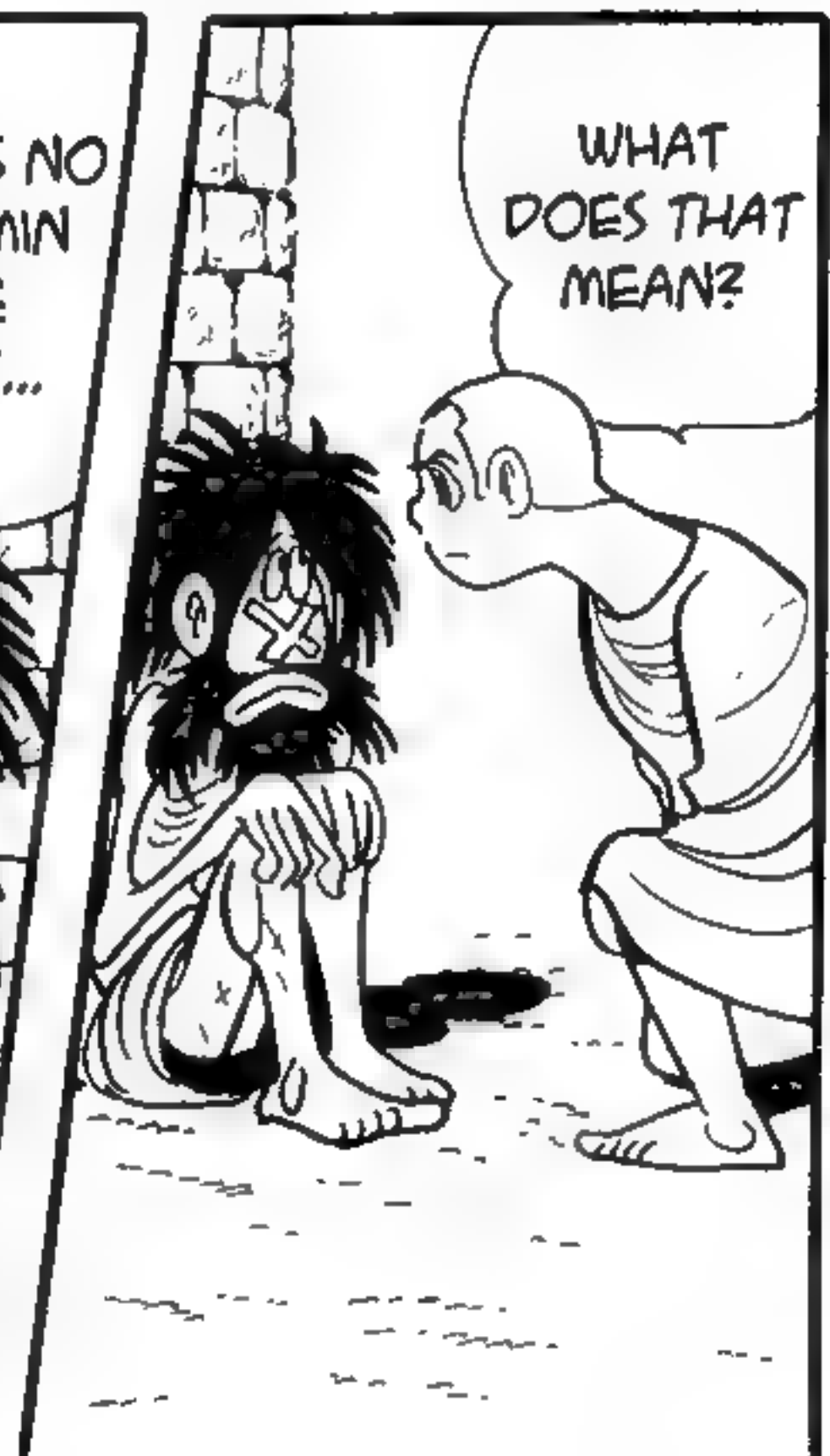
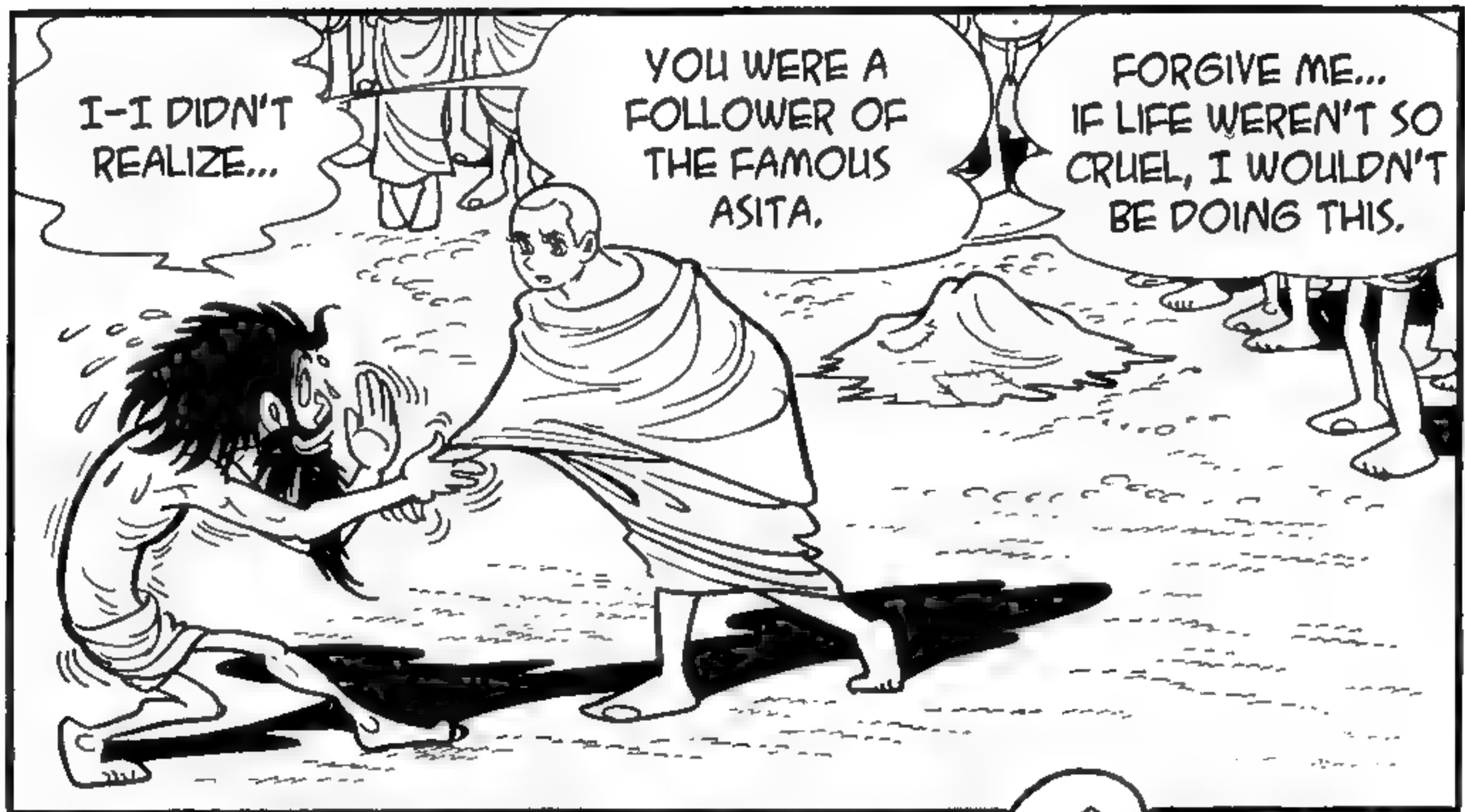


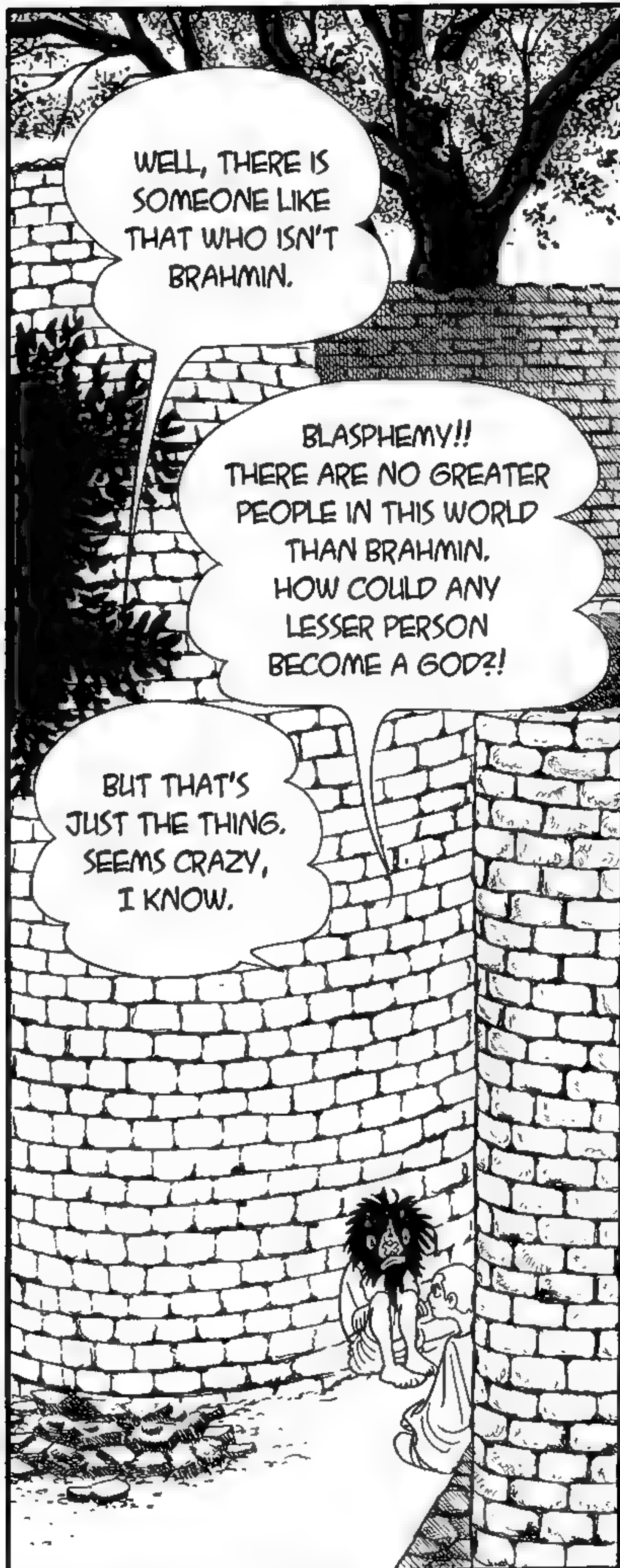












WELL, THERE IS
SOMEONE LIKE
THAT WHO ISN'T
BRAHMIN.

BLASPHEMY!!
THERE ARE NO GREATER
PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD
THAN BRAHMIN.
HOW COULD ANY
LESSER PERSON
BECOME A GOD?!

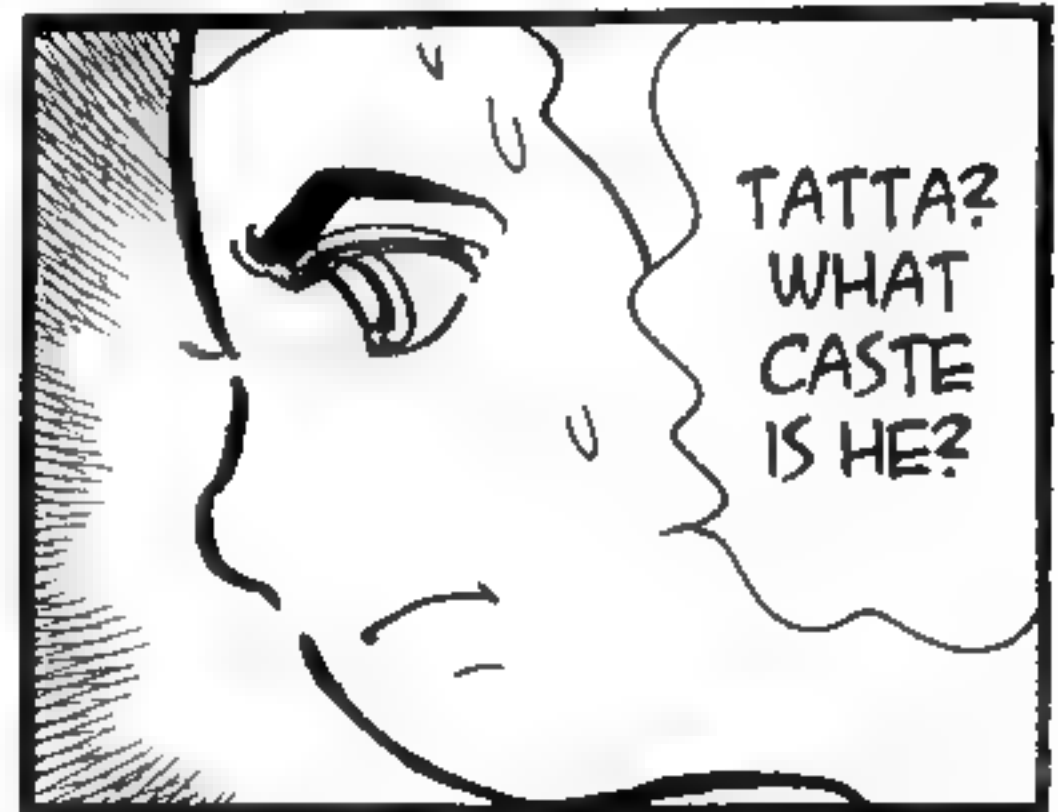
BUT THAT'S
JUST THE THING.
SEEMS CRAZY,
I KNOW.



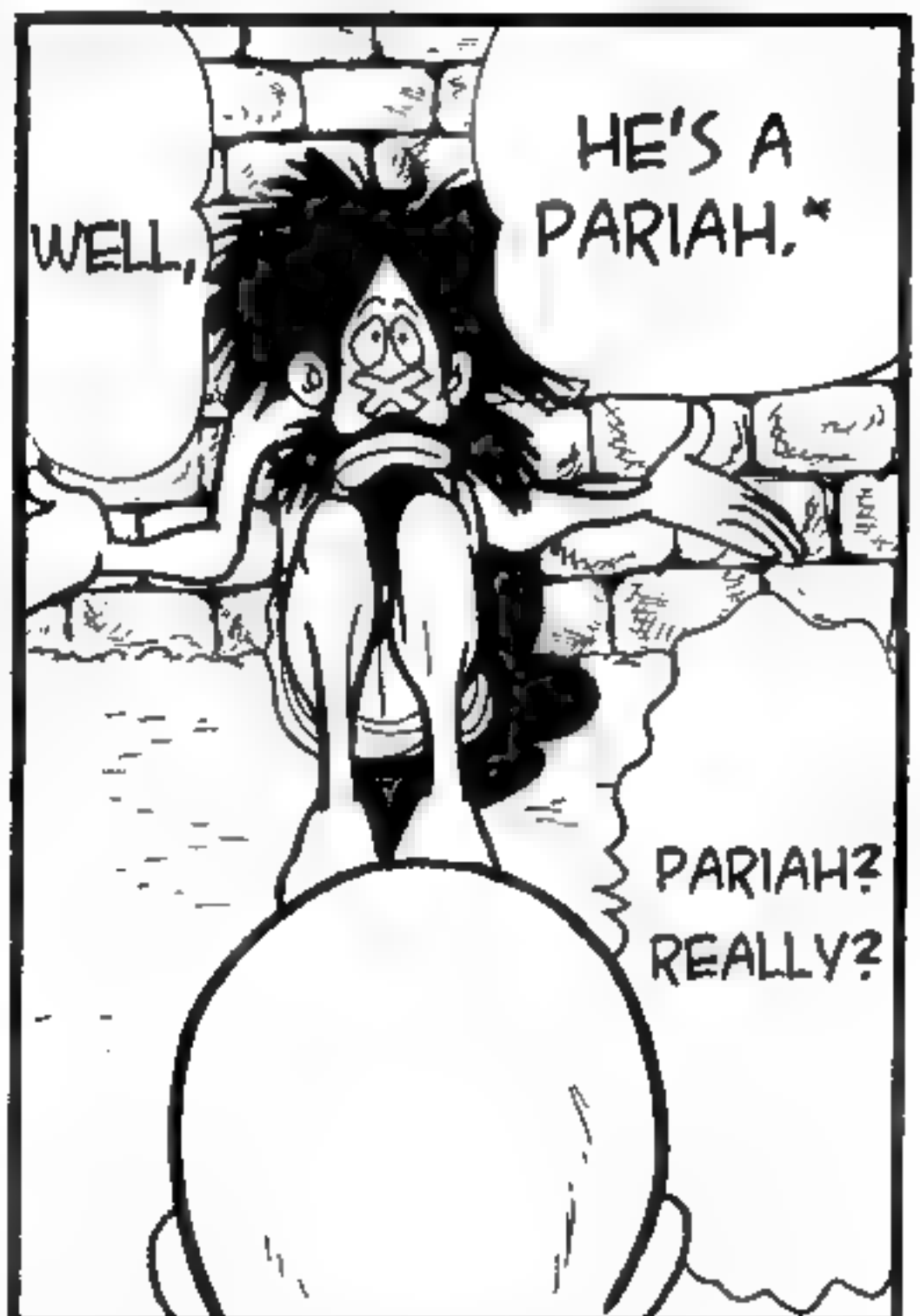
OF
WHOM
DO YOU
SPEAK?!



ONE
CALLED
TATTA.



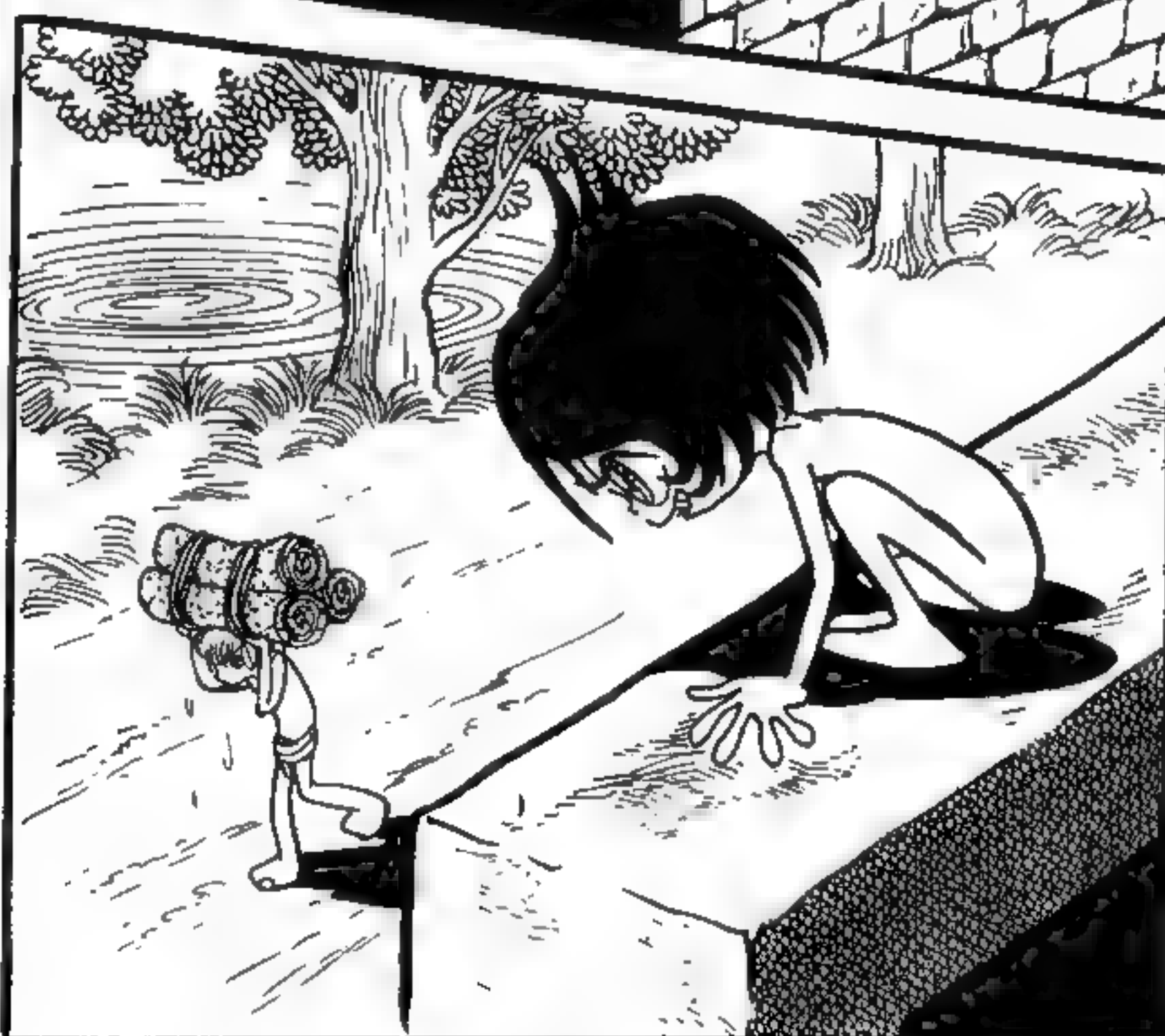
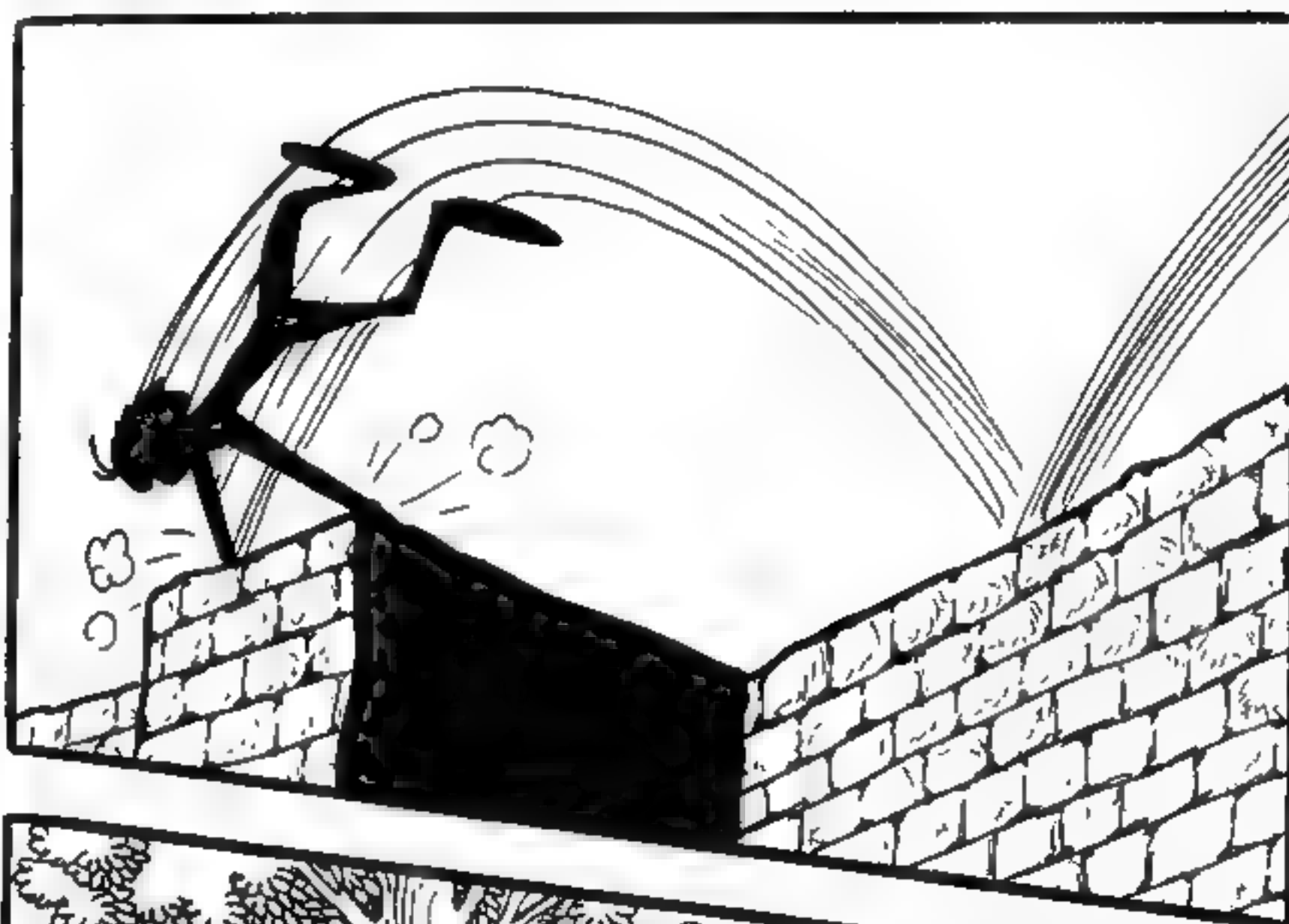
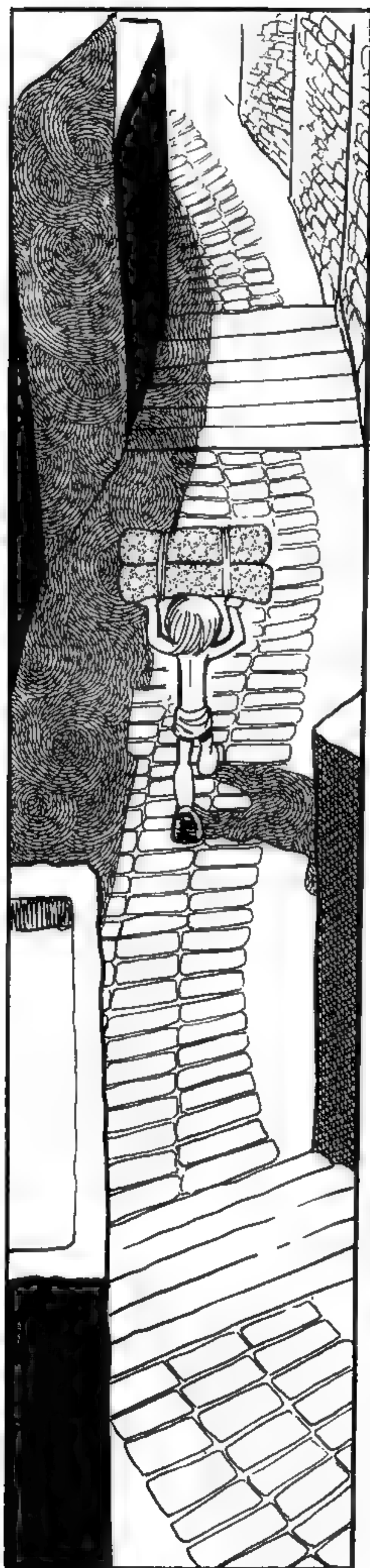
TATTA?
WHAT
CASTE
IS HE?



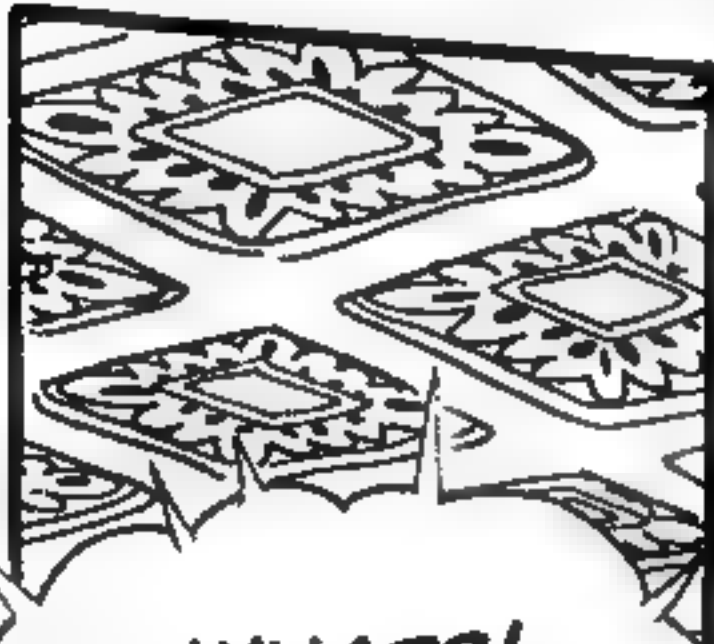
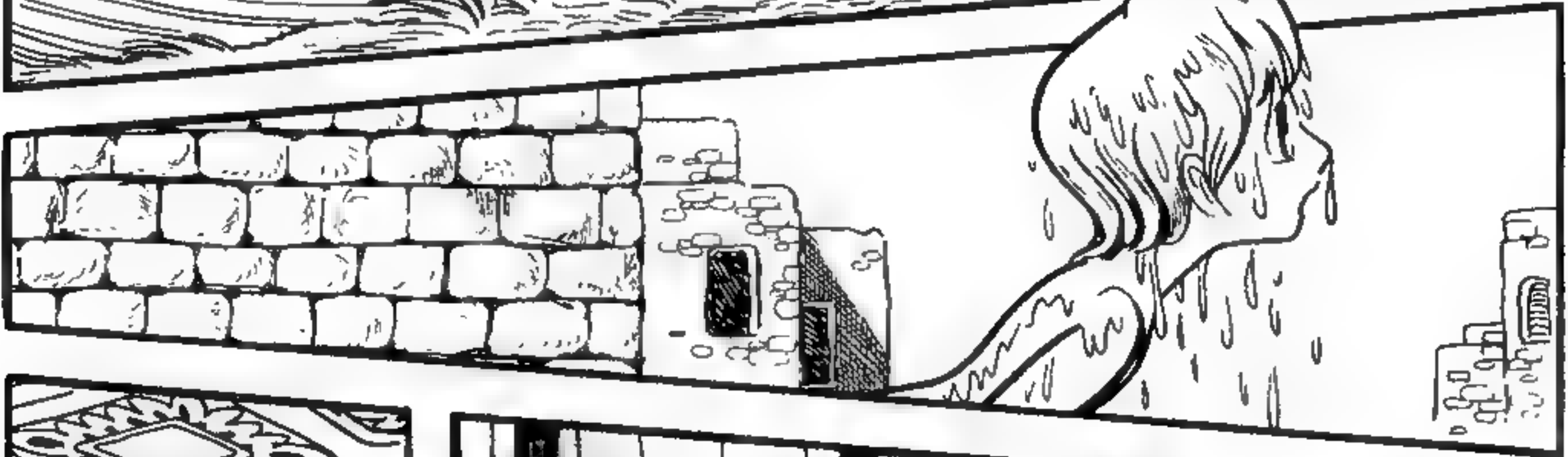
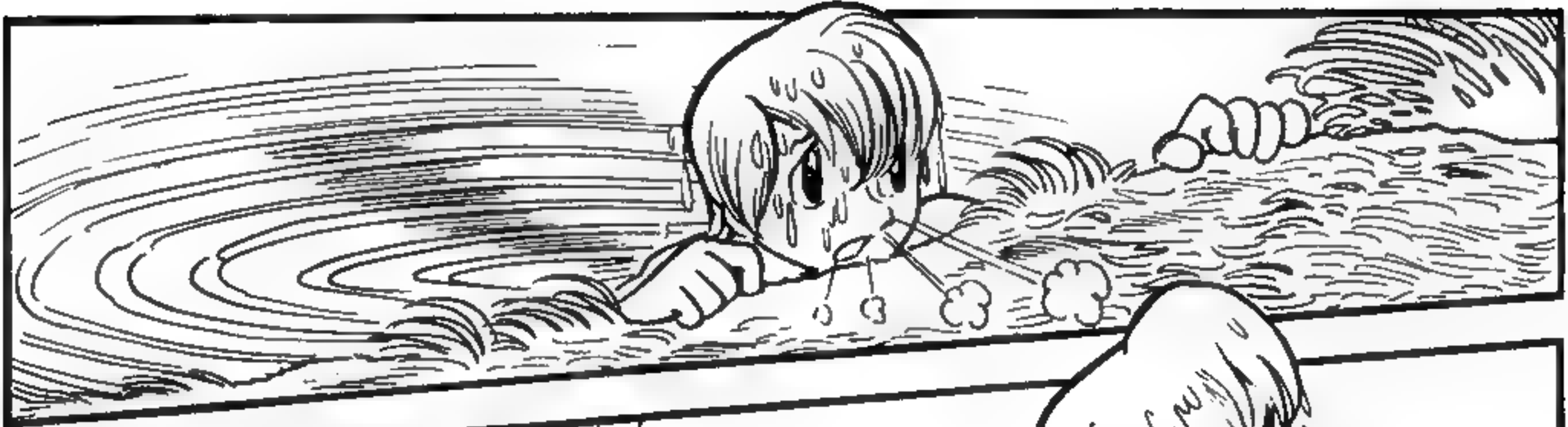
HE'S A
PARIAH.*

PARIAH?
REALLY?

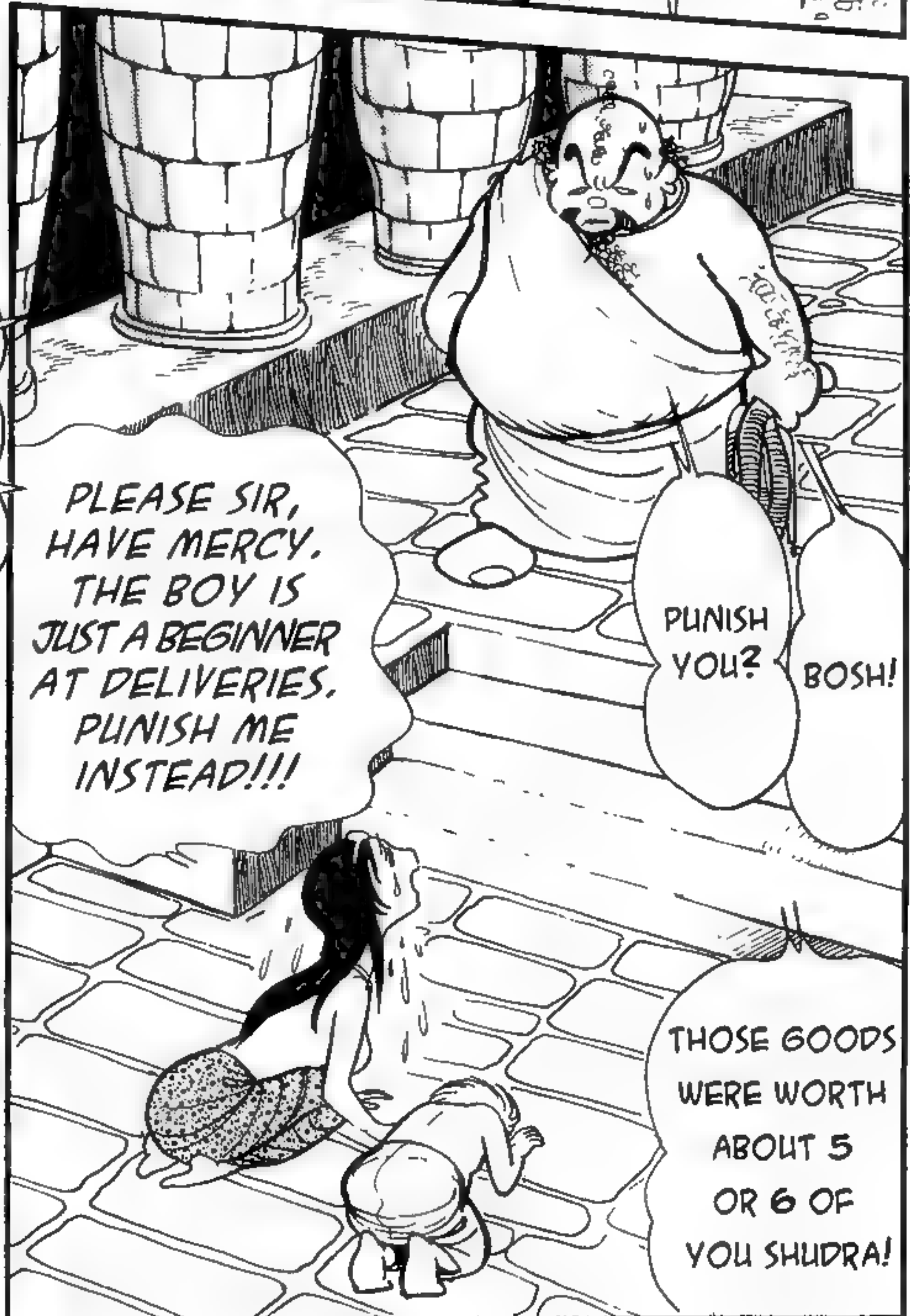
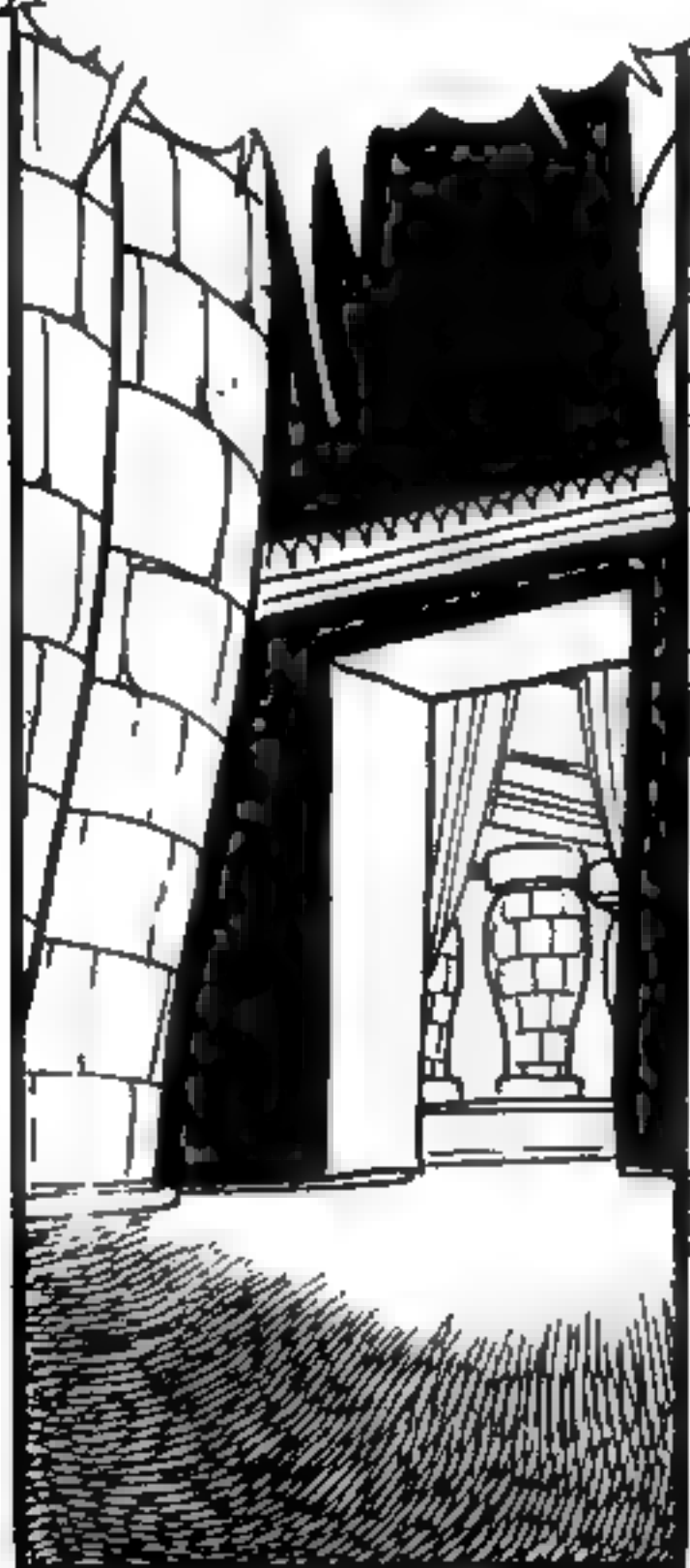
*THESE OUTCASTS RANKED LOWEST IN THE CLASS SYSTEM OF THE TIME, LOWER EVEN THAN SHUDRA, THE SLAVE CASTE. CONSIDERED SUBHUMAN, PARIAS SUFFERED TERRIBLE DISCRIMINATION.







WHAT?!
YOUR LOAD
FOR OUR BEST
CUSTOMER WAS
TAKEN BY
A THIEF?!

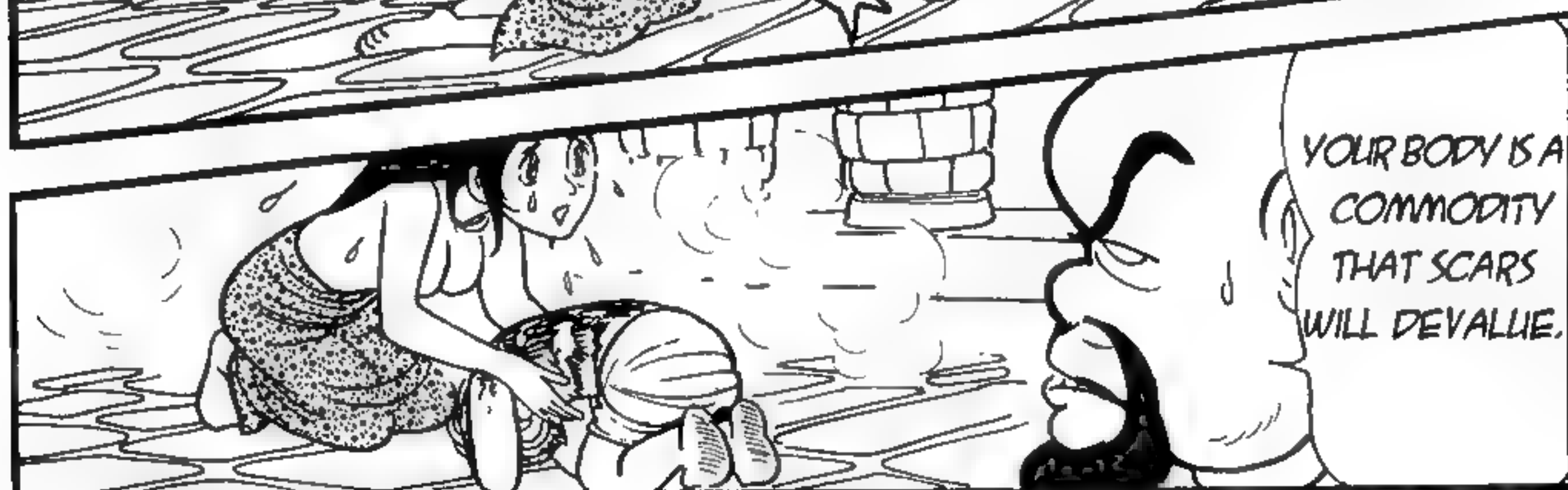


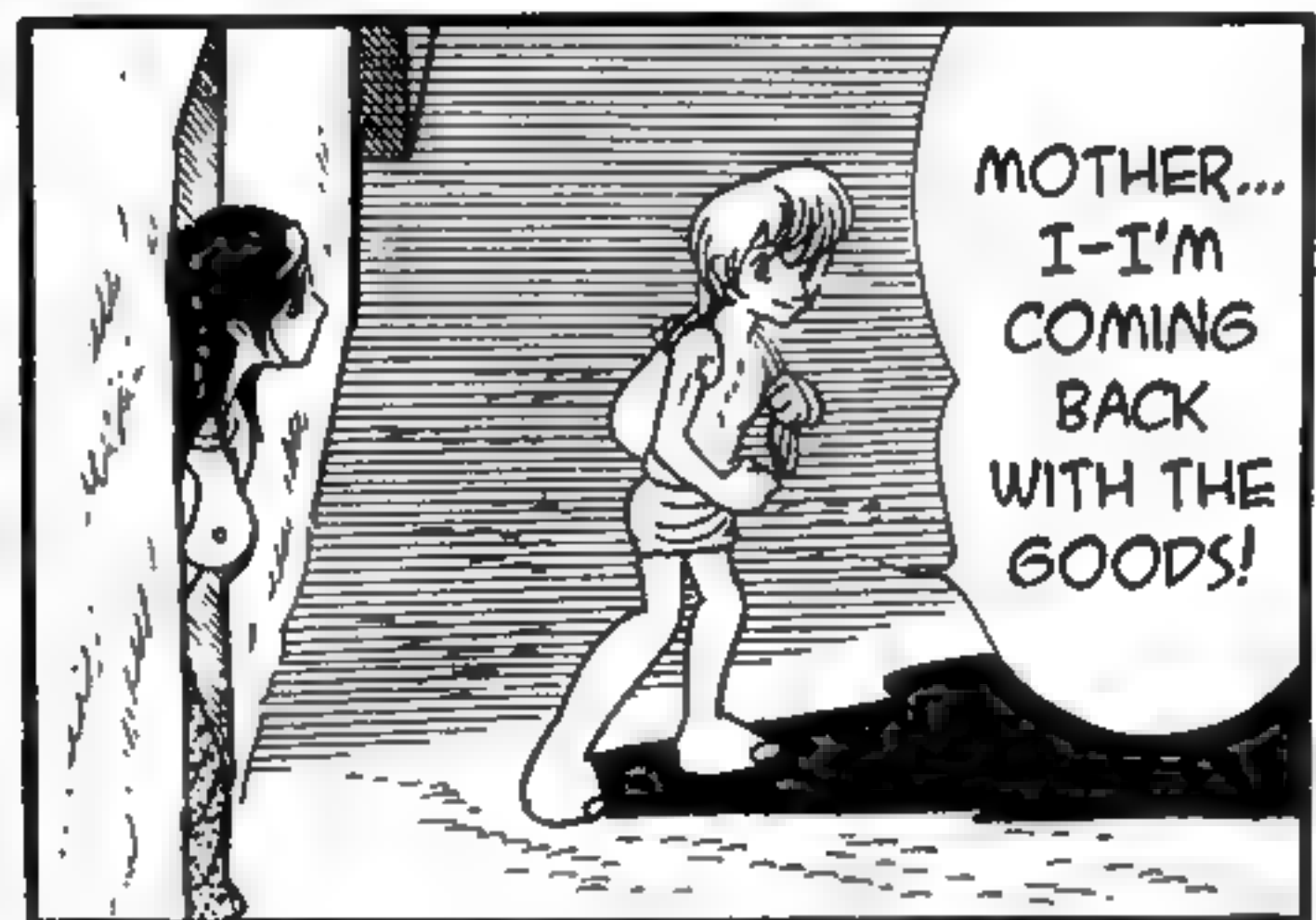
PLEASE SIR,
HAVE MERCY.
THE BOY IS
JUST A BEGINNER
AT DELIVERIES.
PUNISH ME
INSTEAD!!!

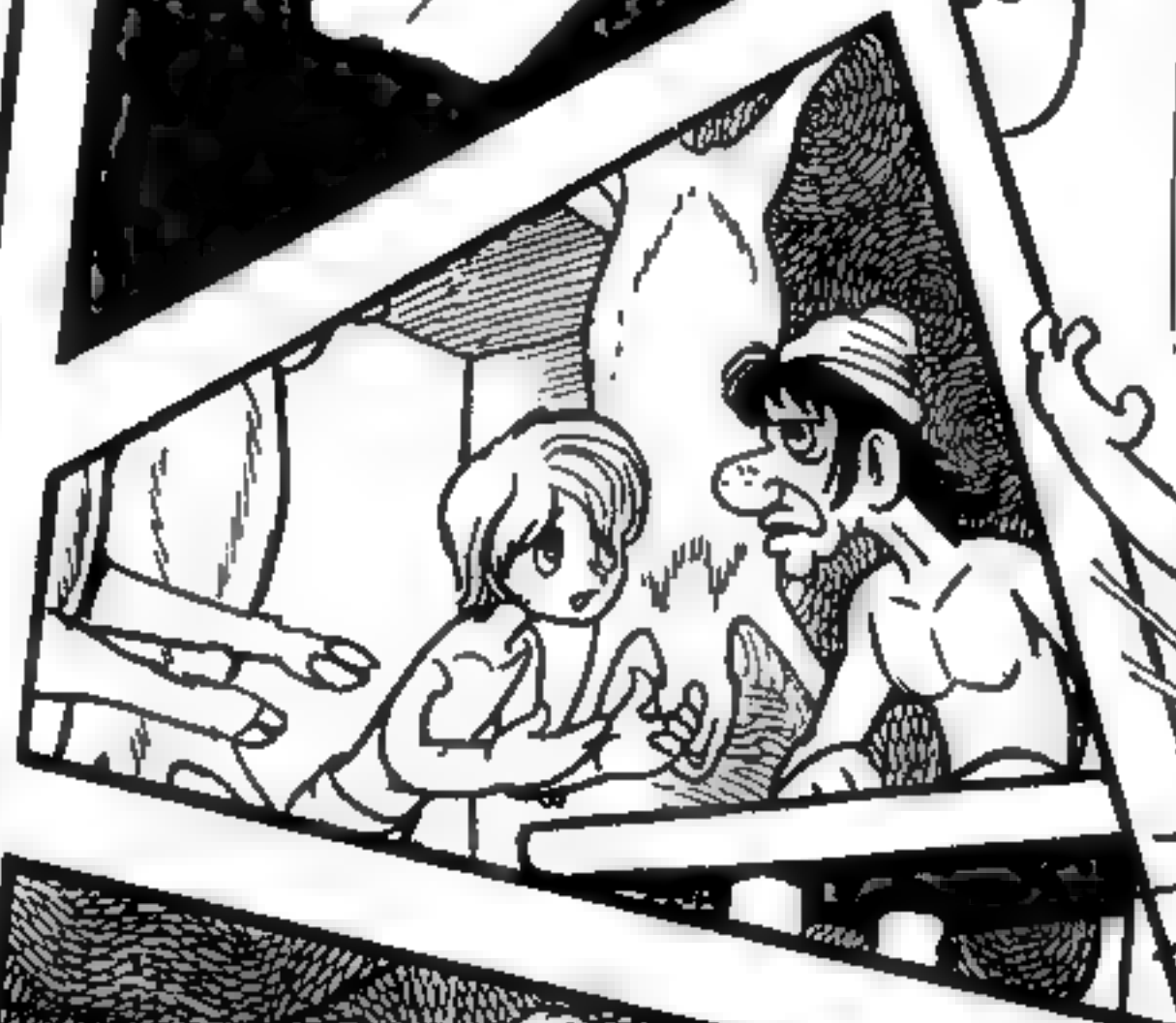
PUNISH
YOU?

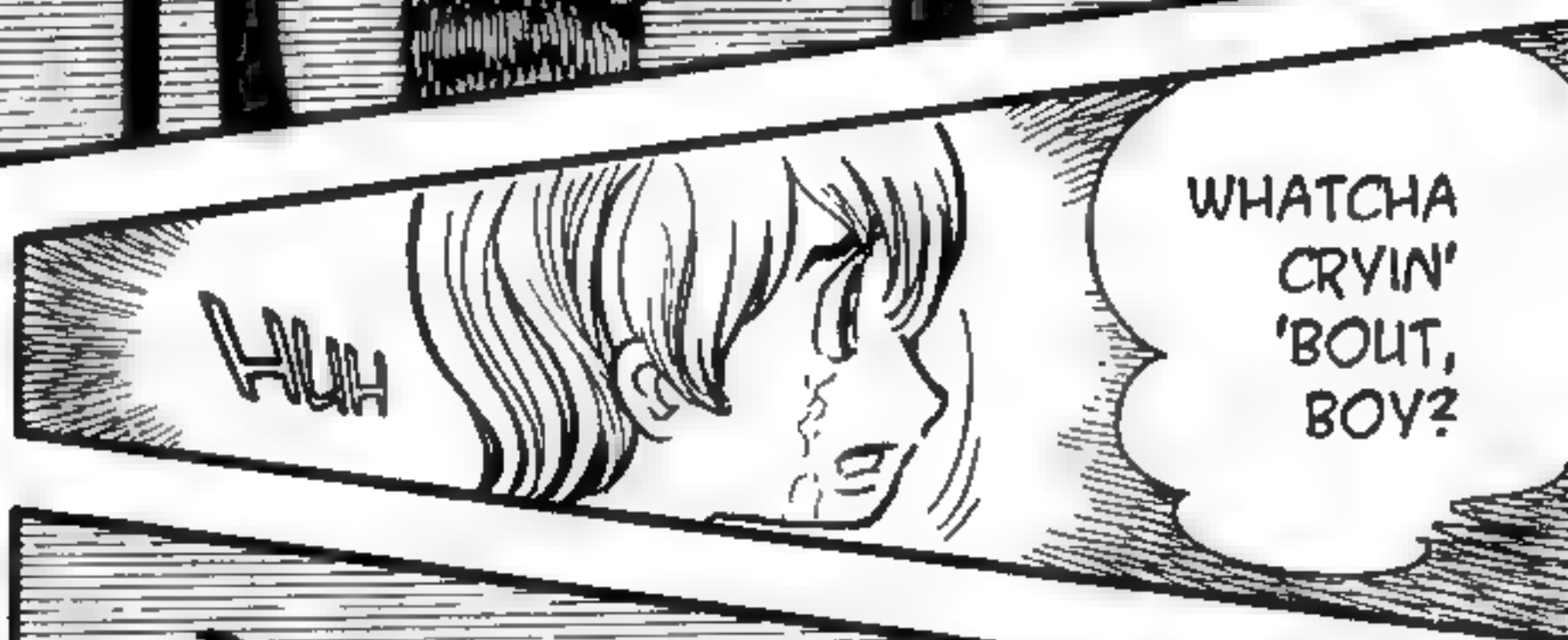
BOSH!

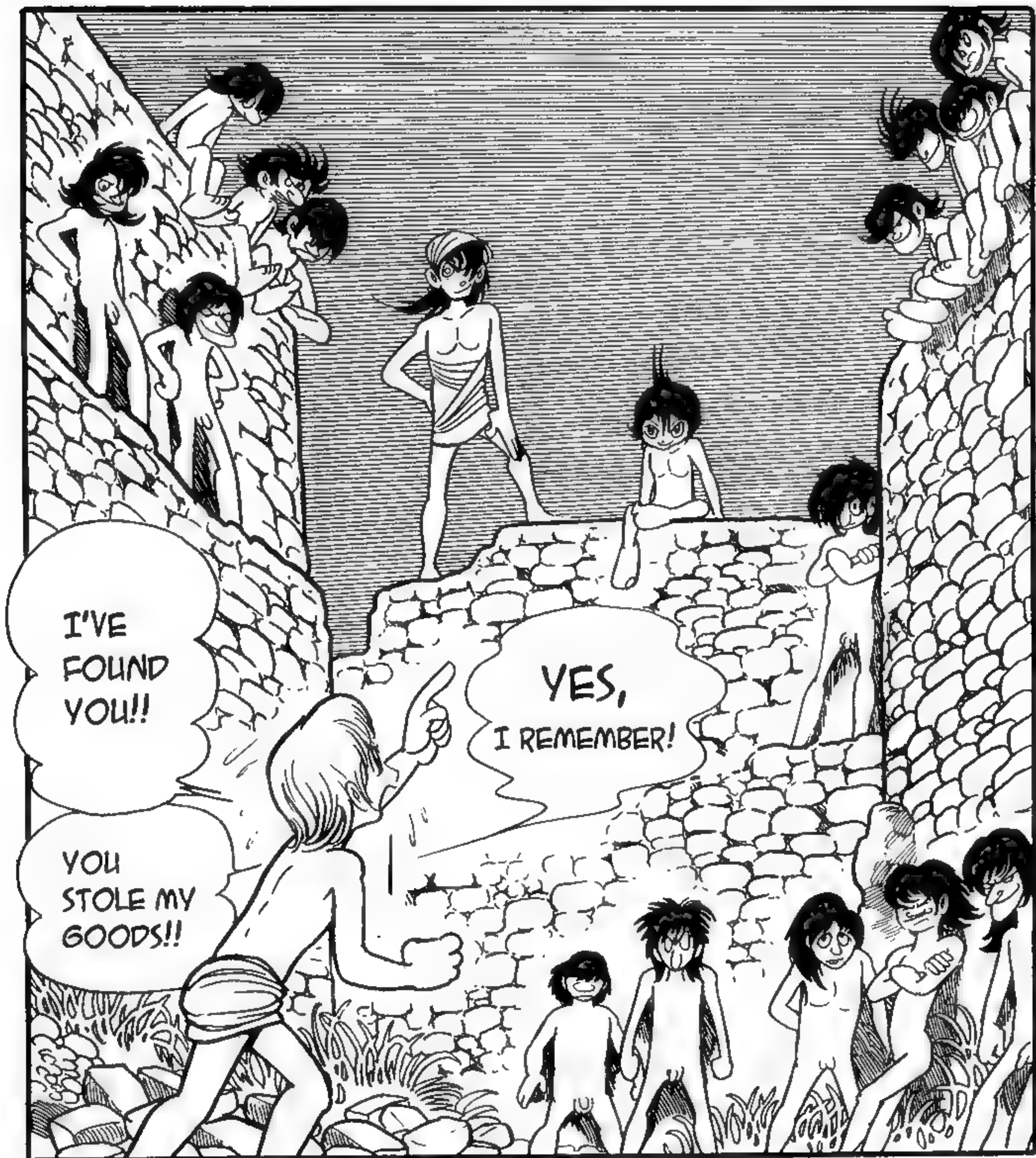
THOSE GOODS
WERE WORTH
ABOUT 5
OR 6 OF
YOU SHUDRA!



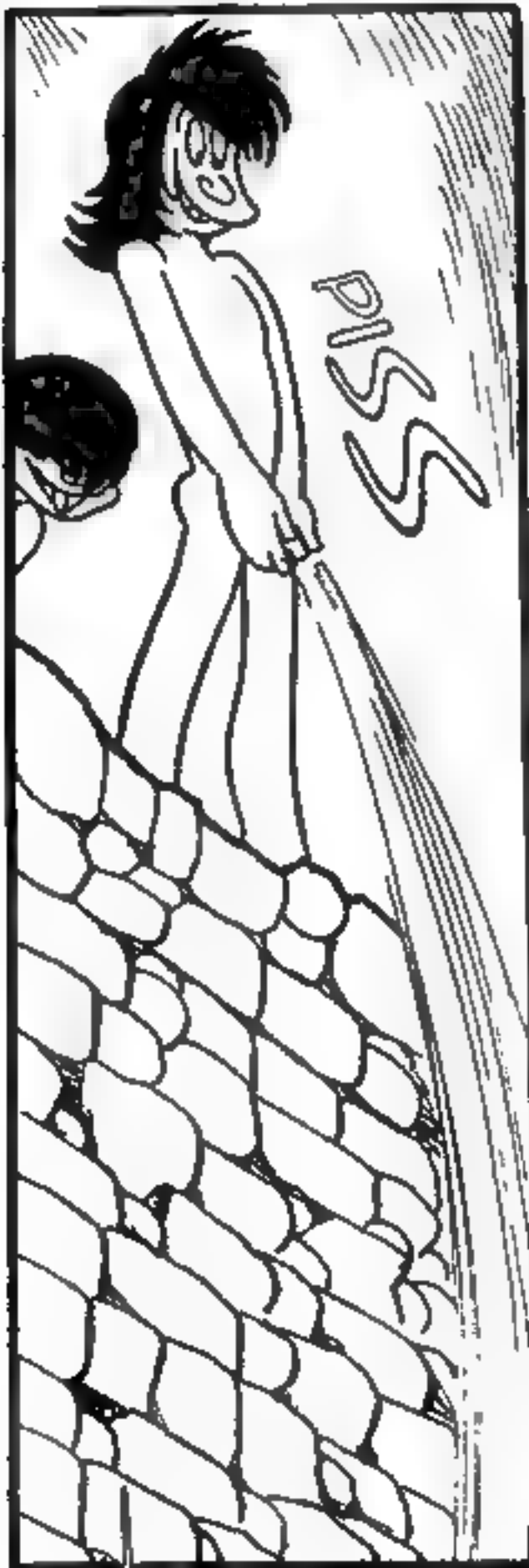
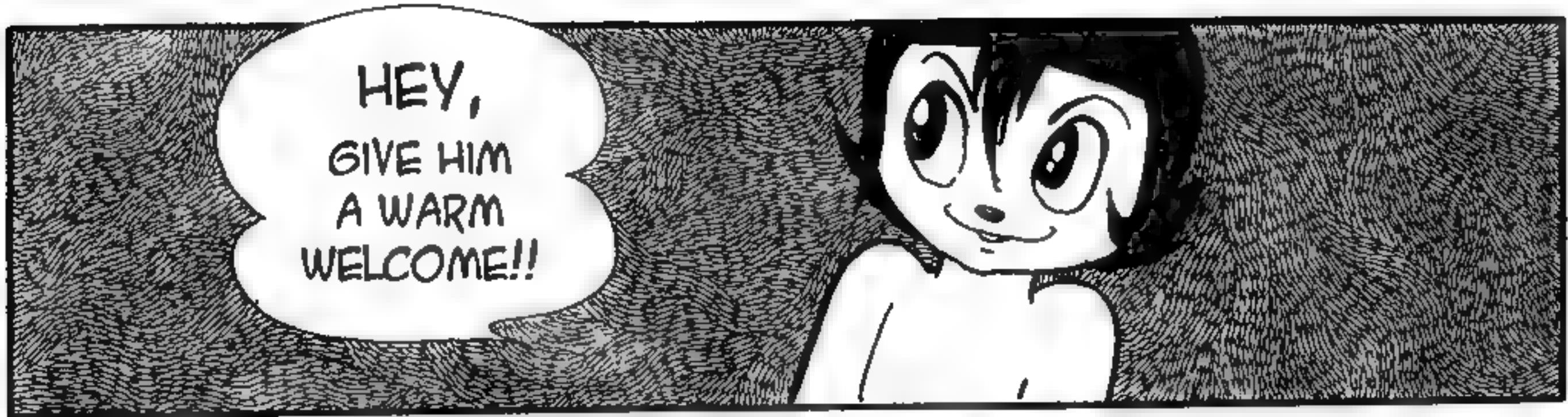


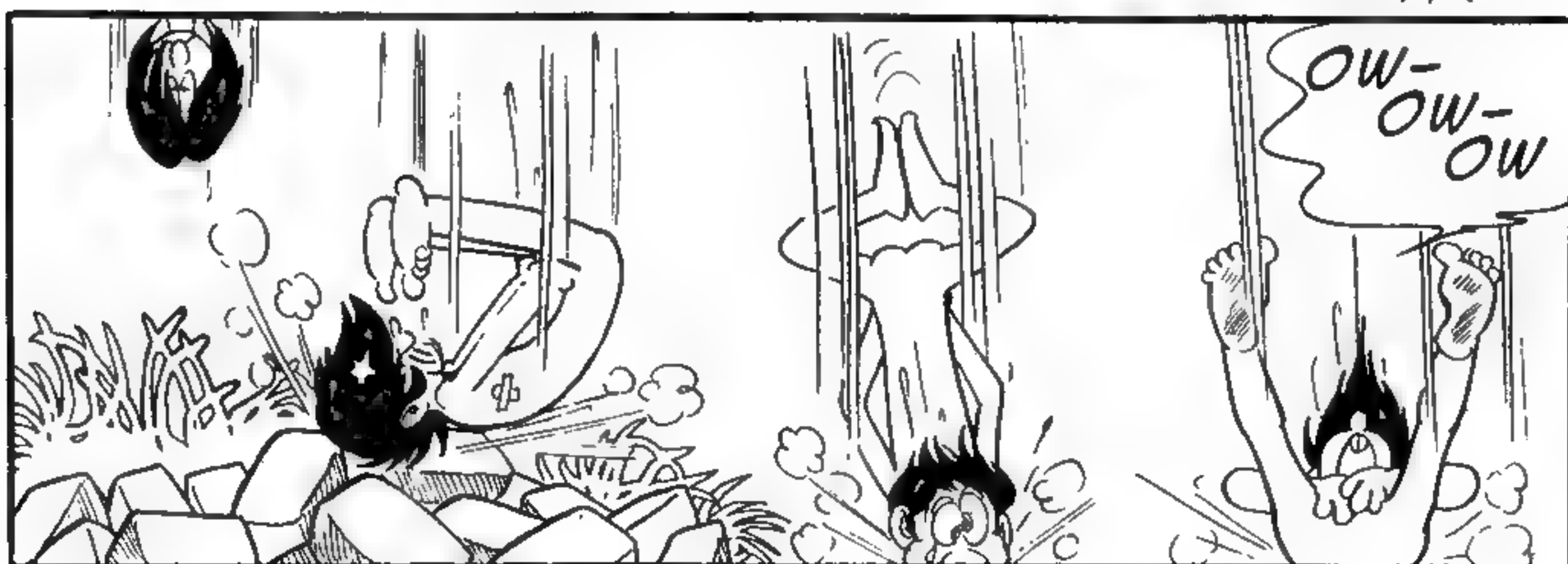
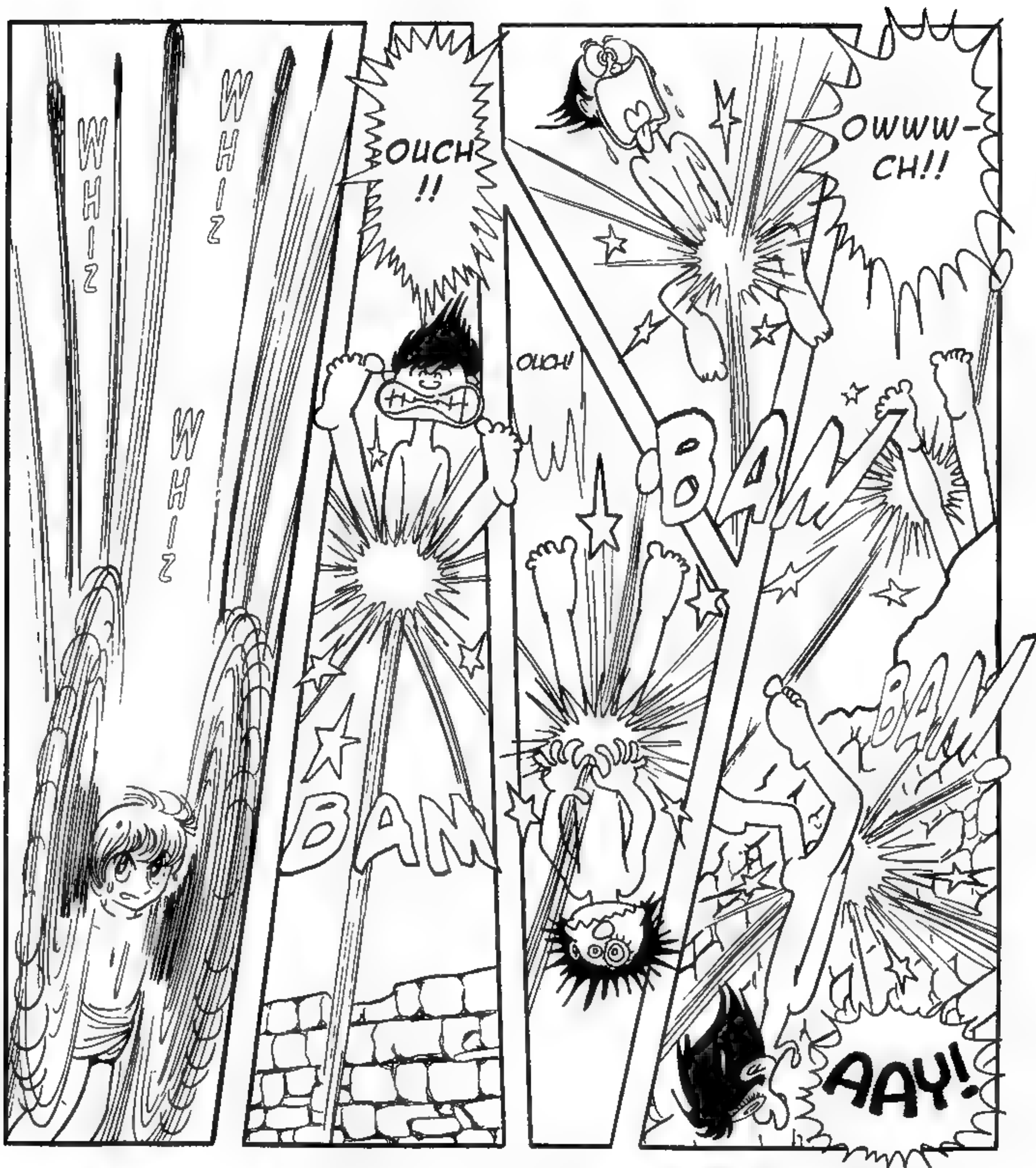


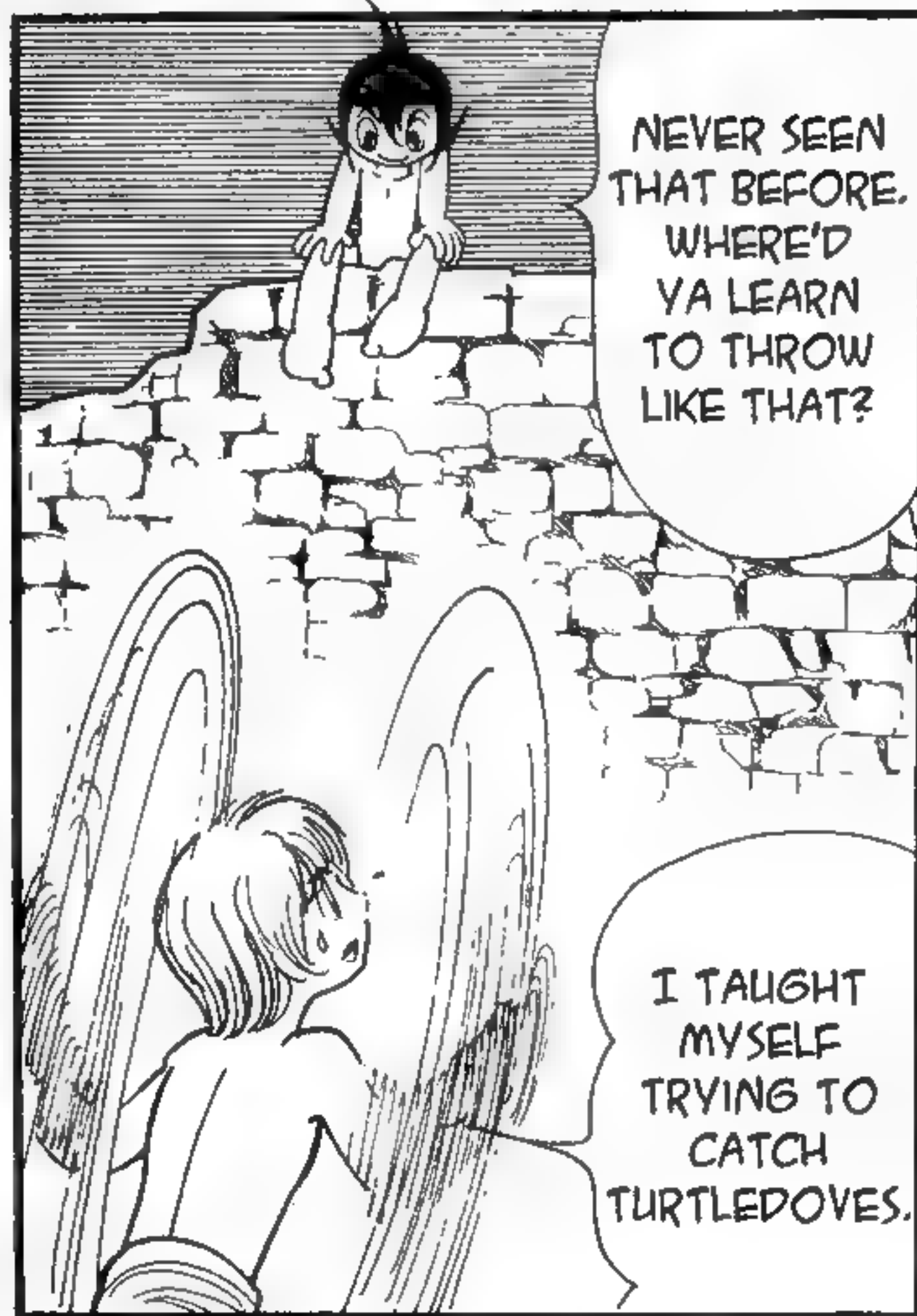
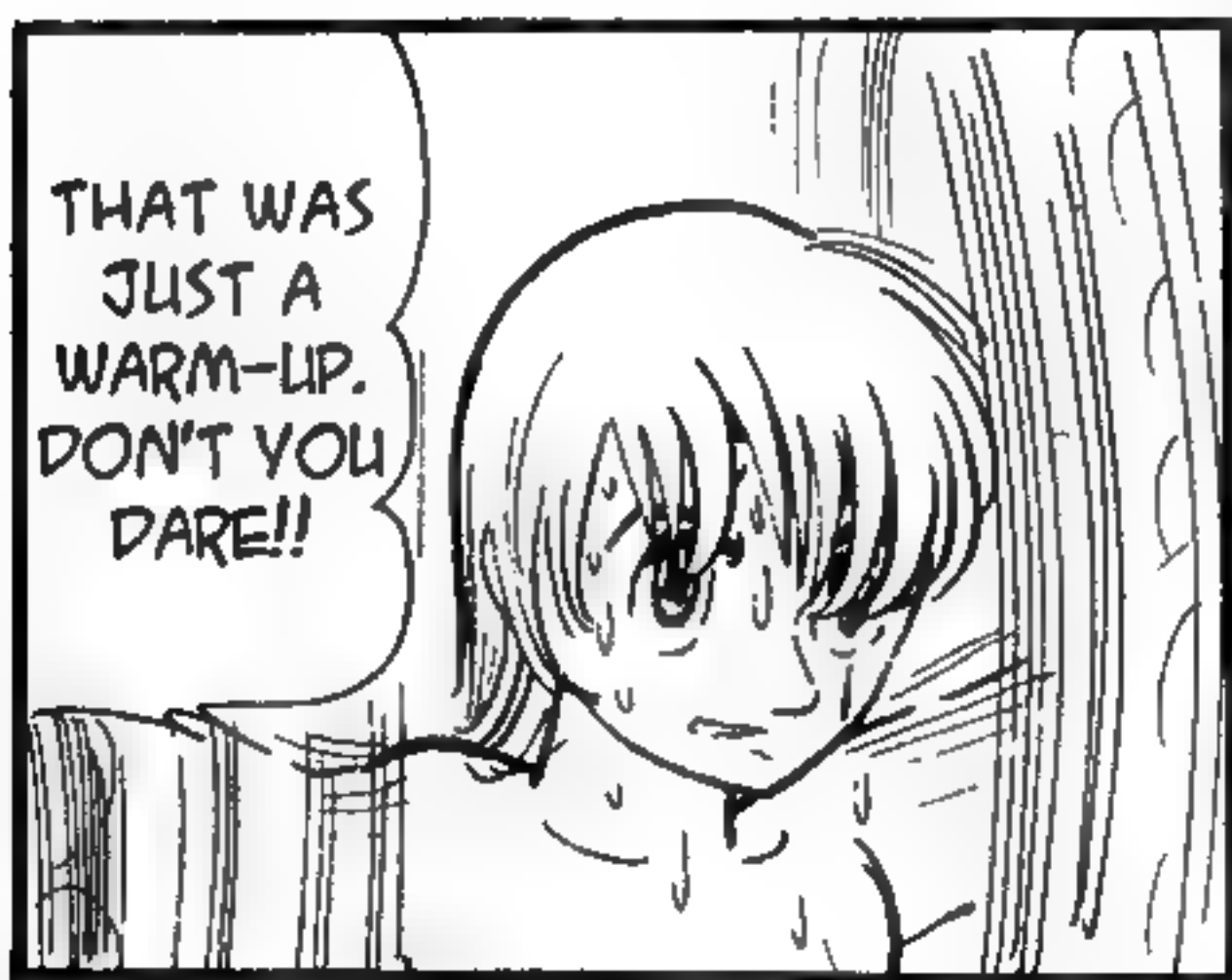
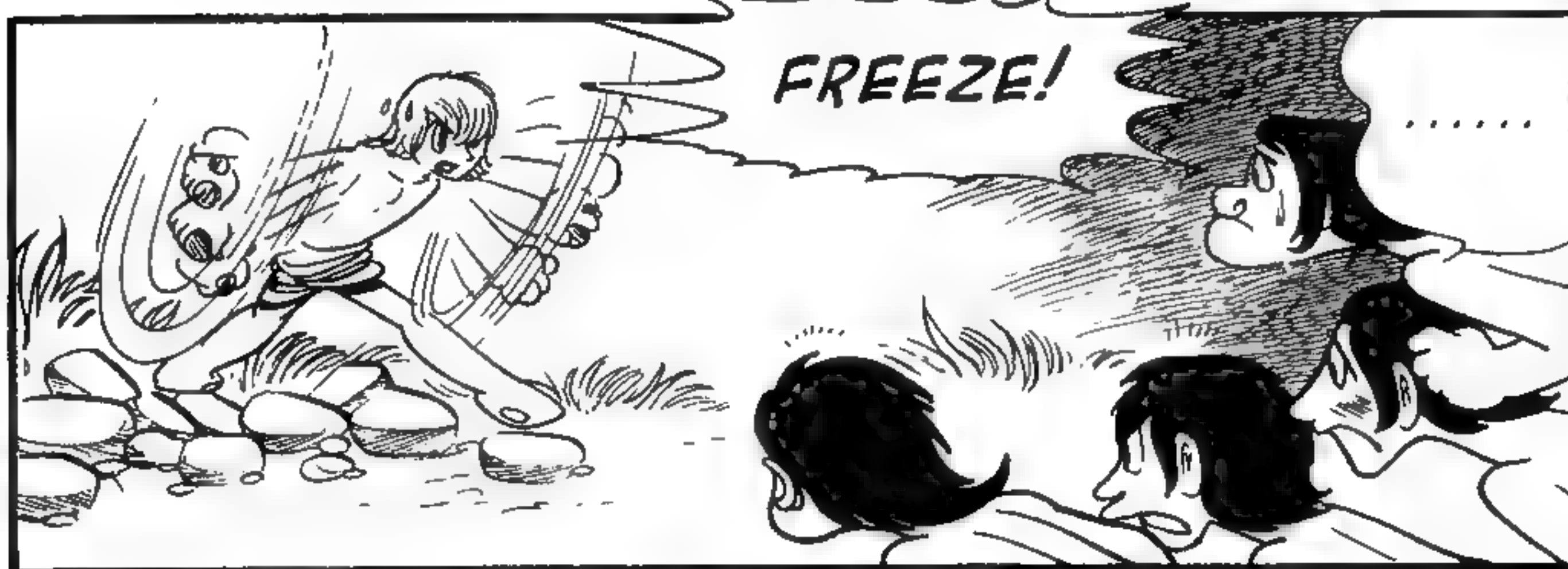
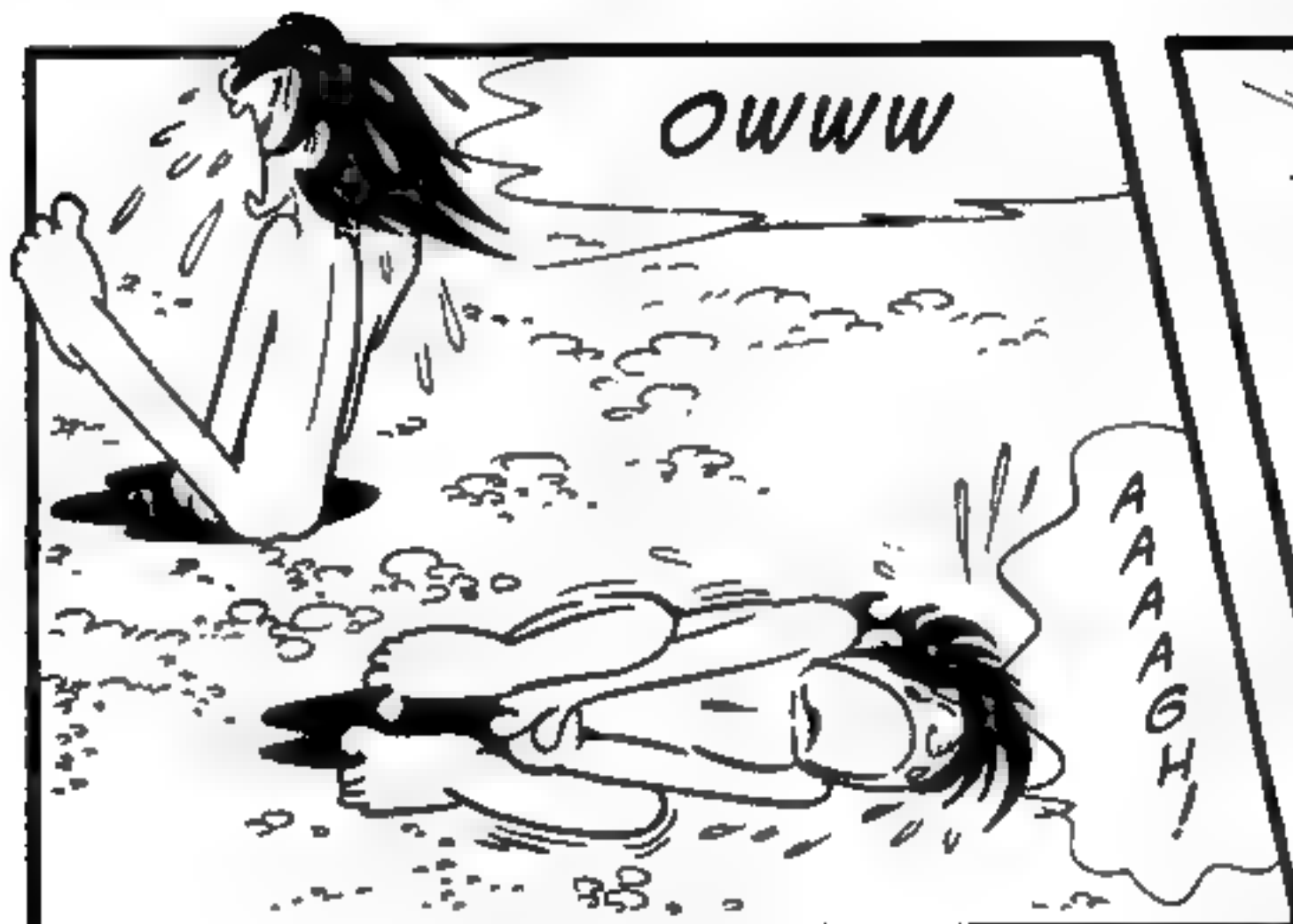


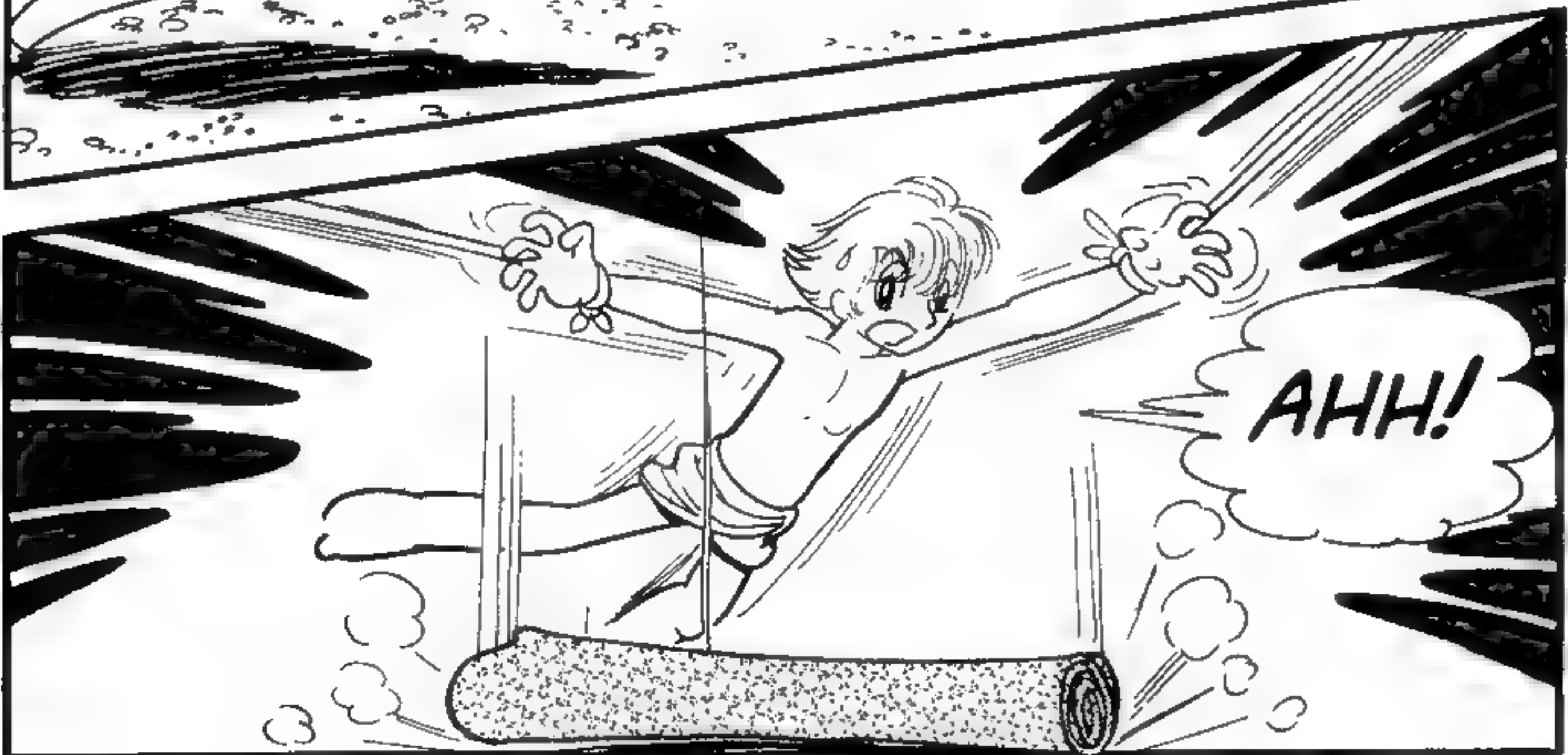
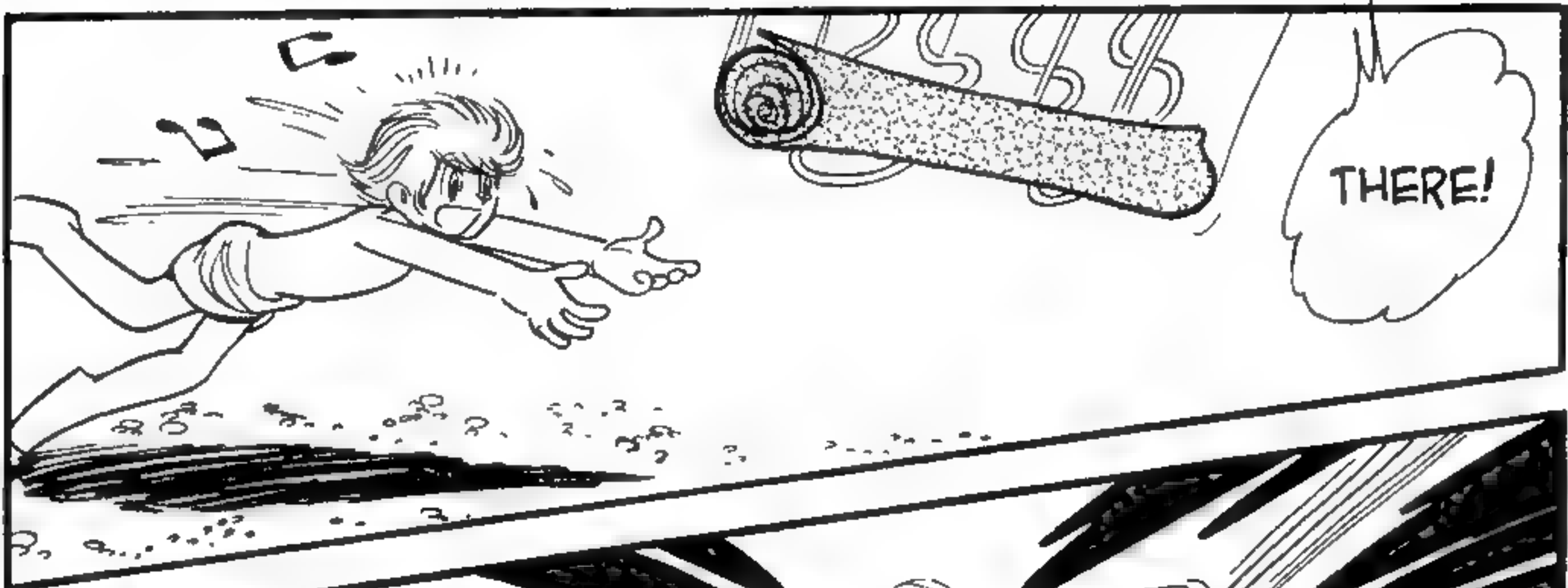
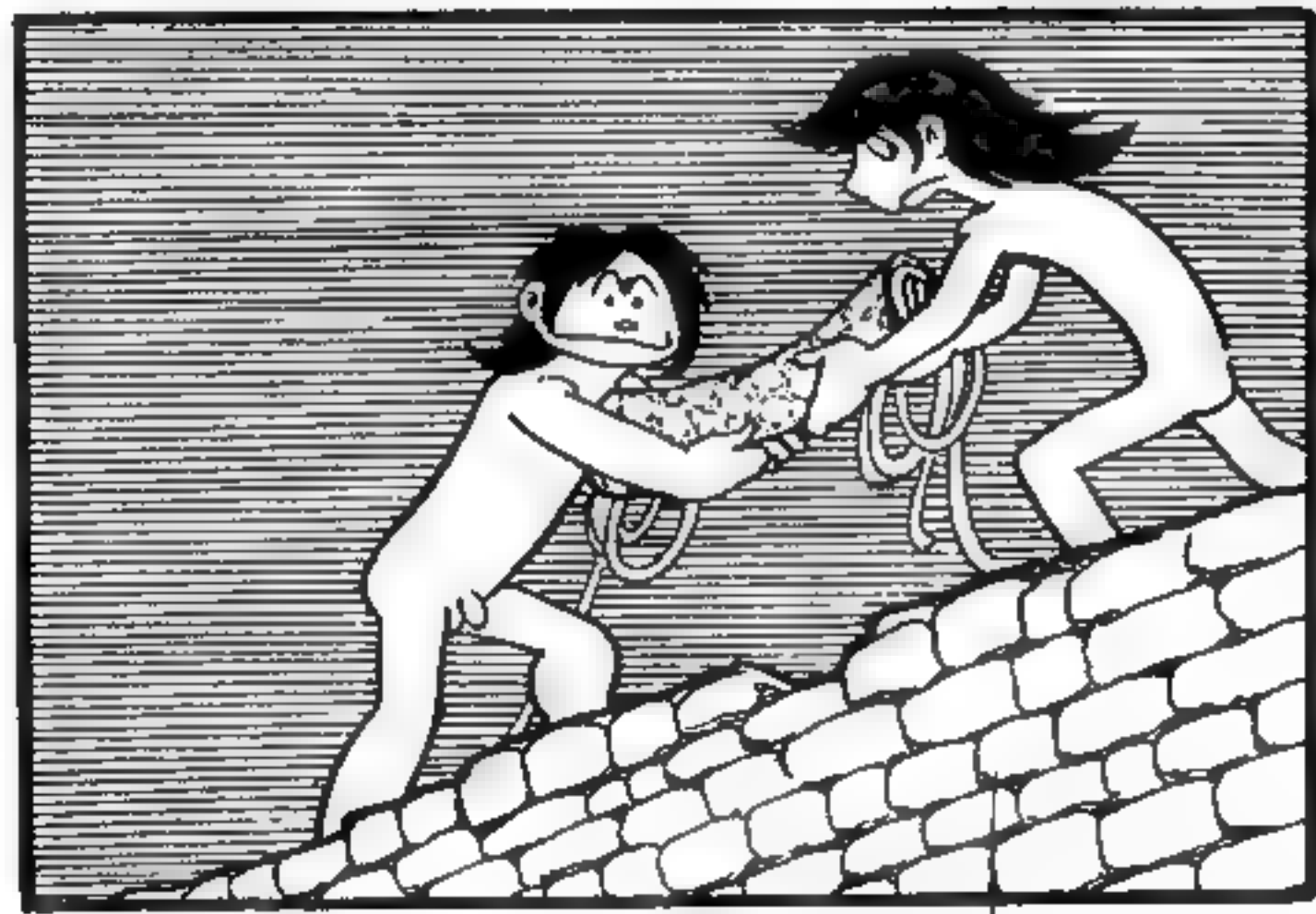


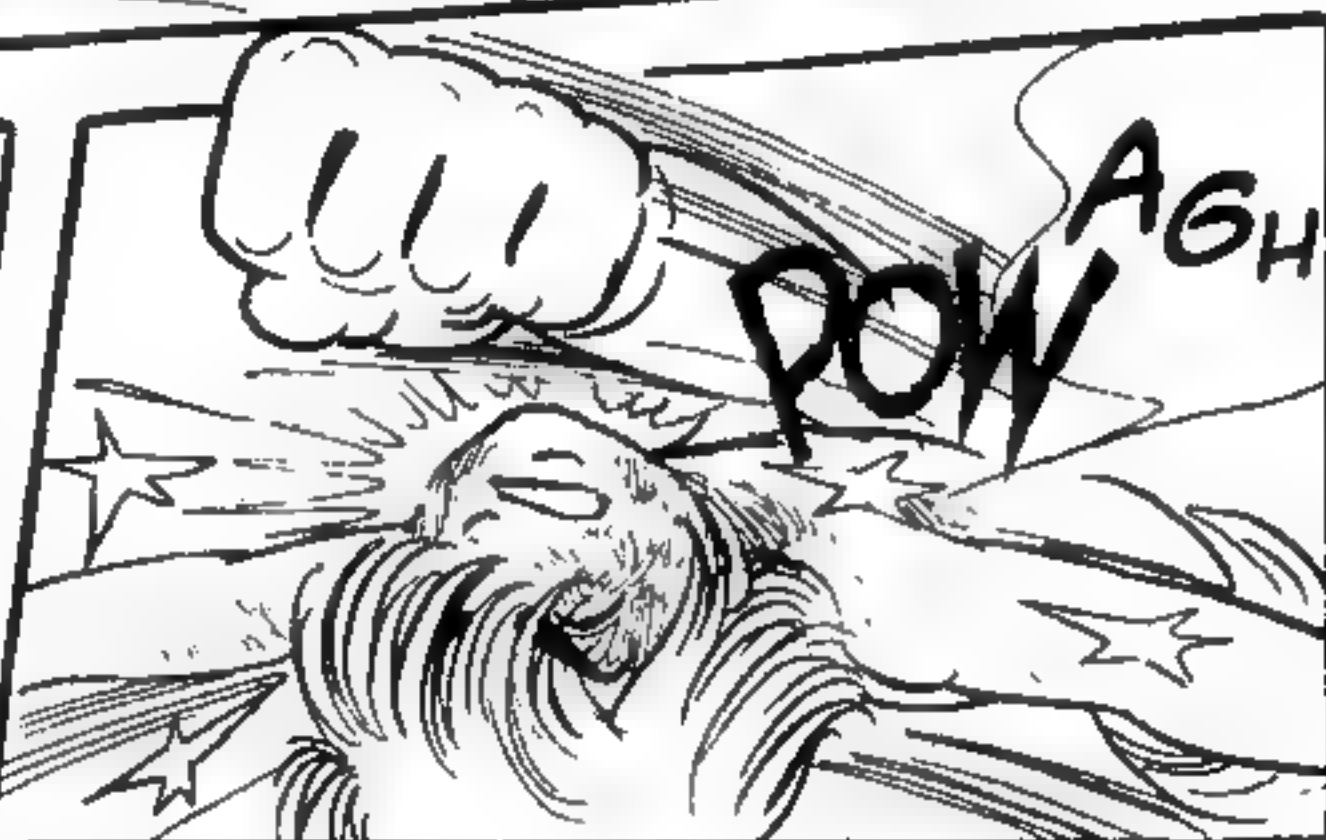
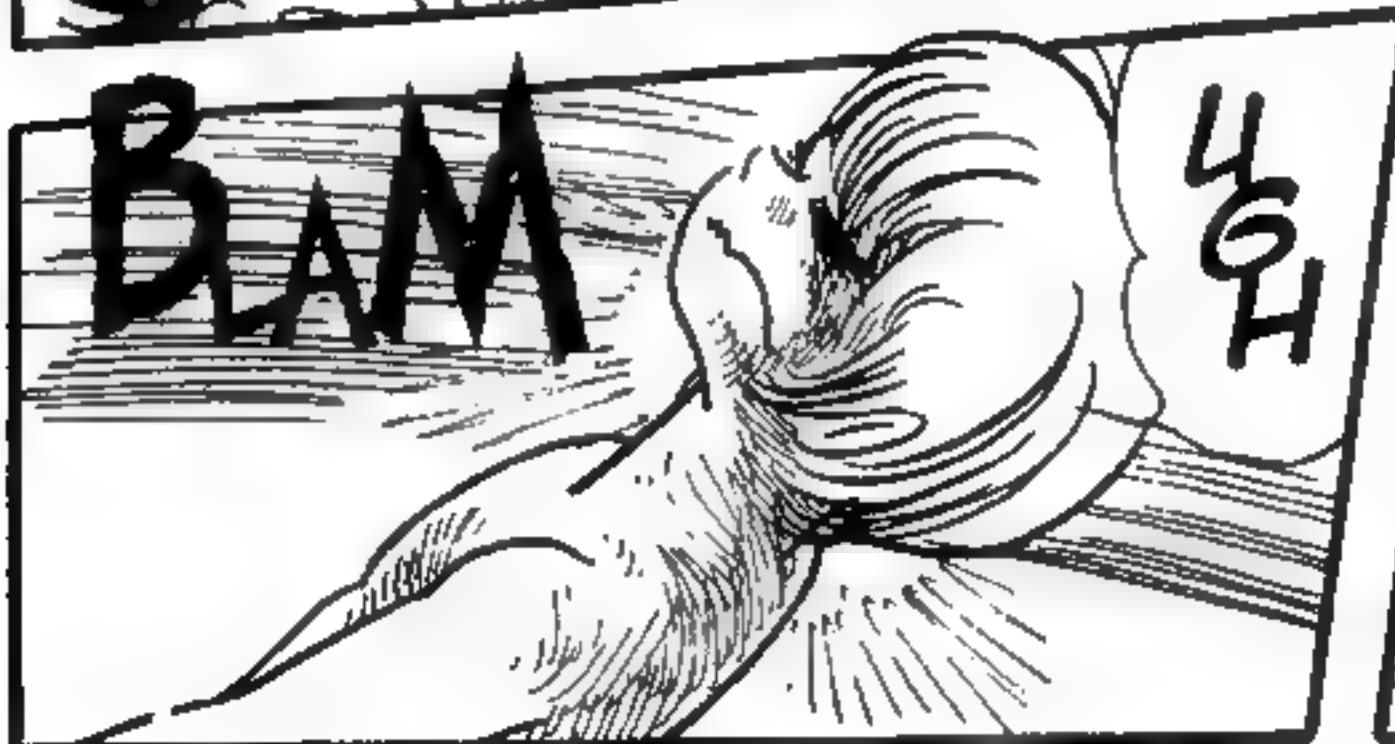
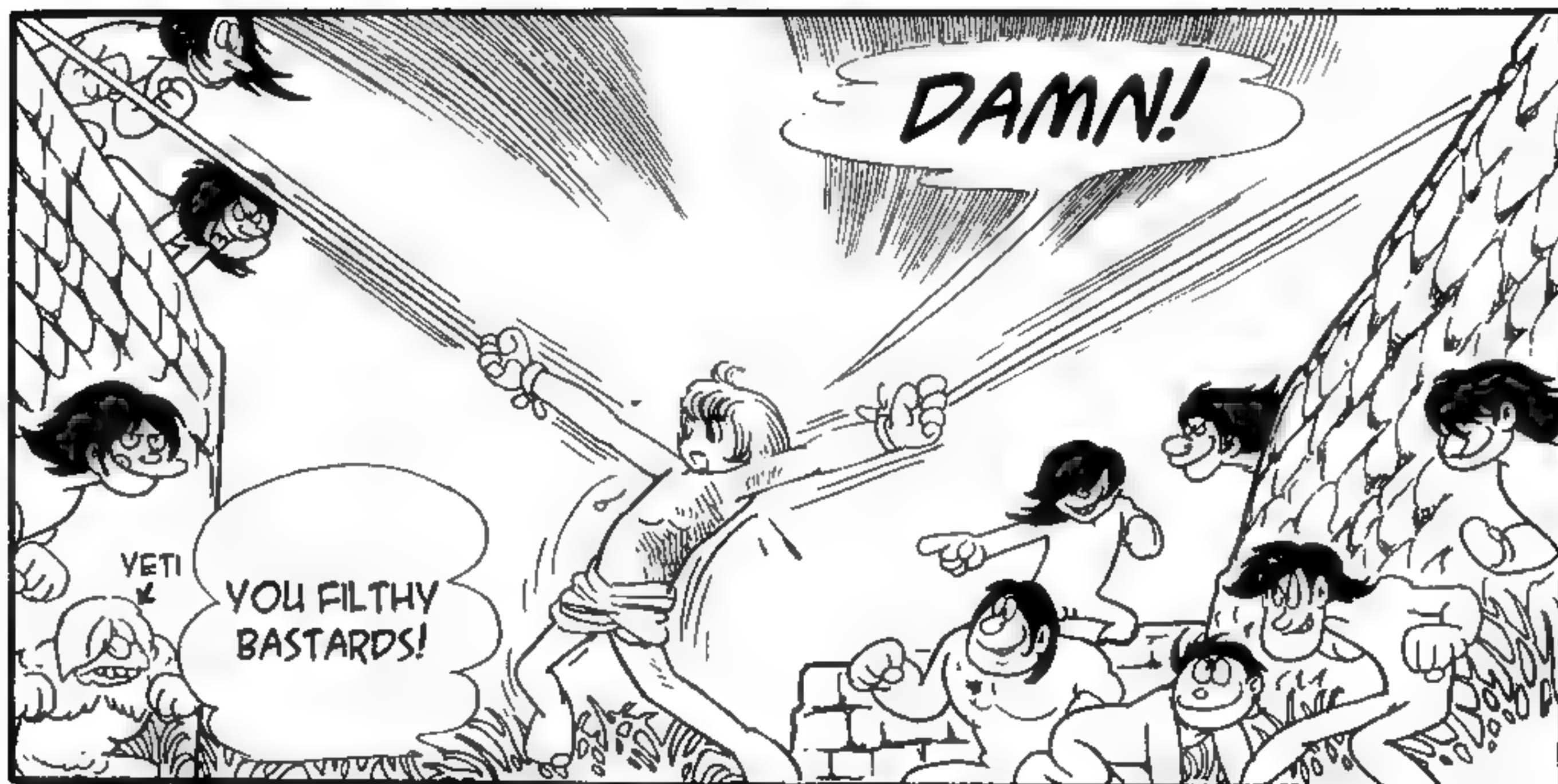




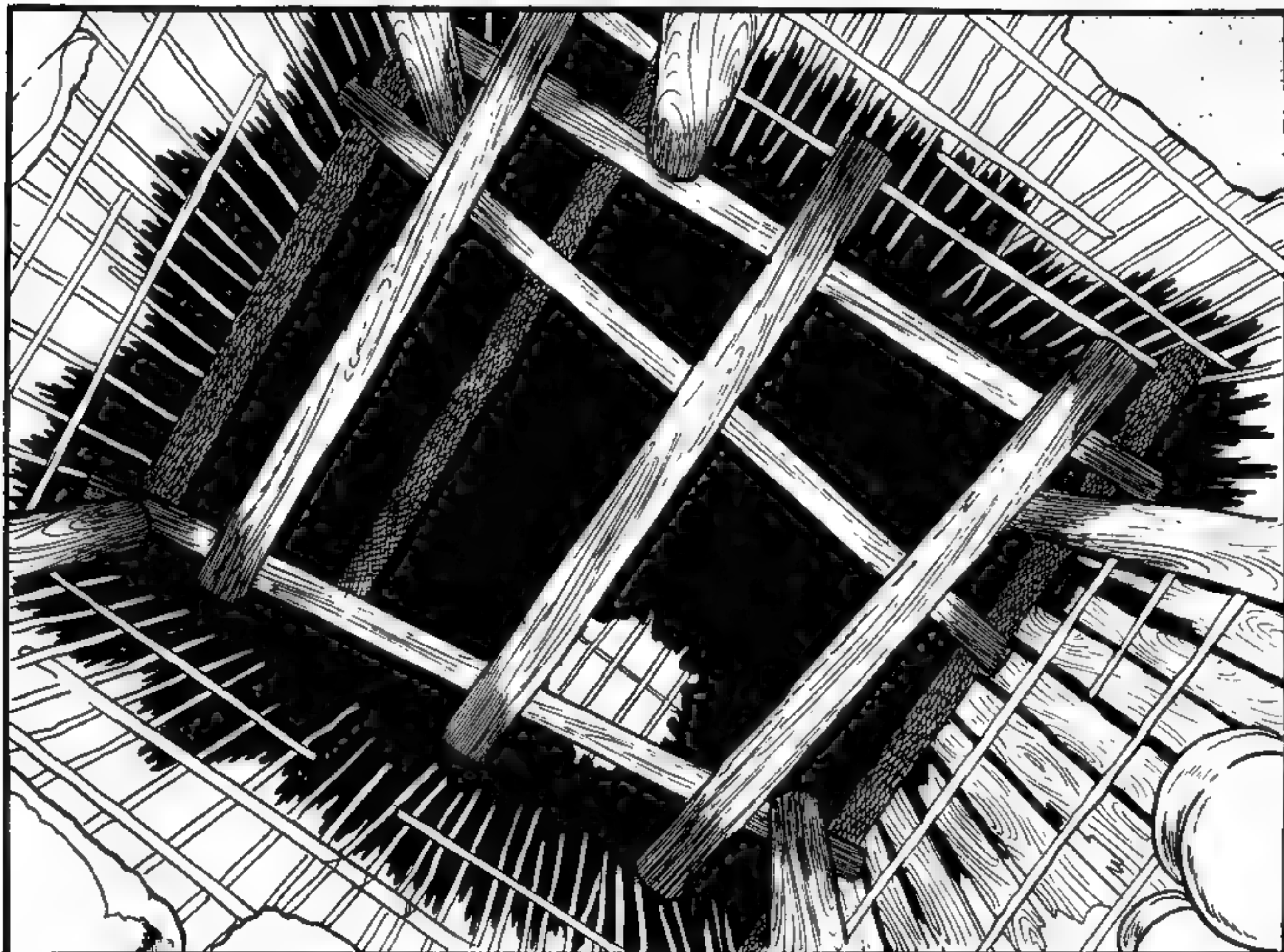
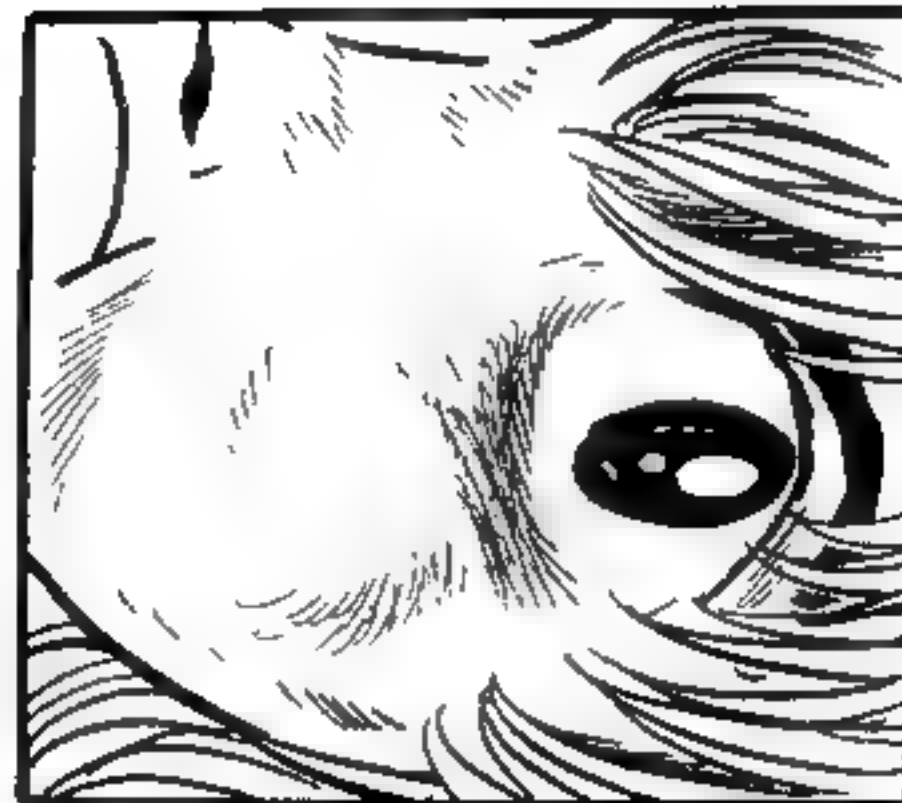




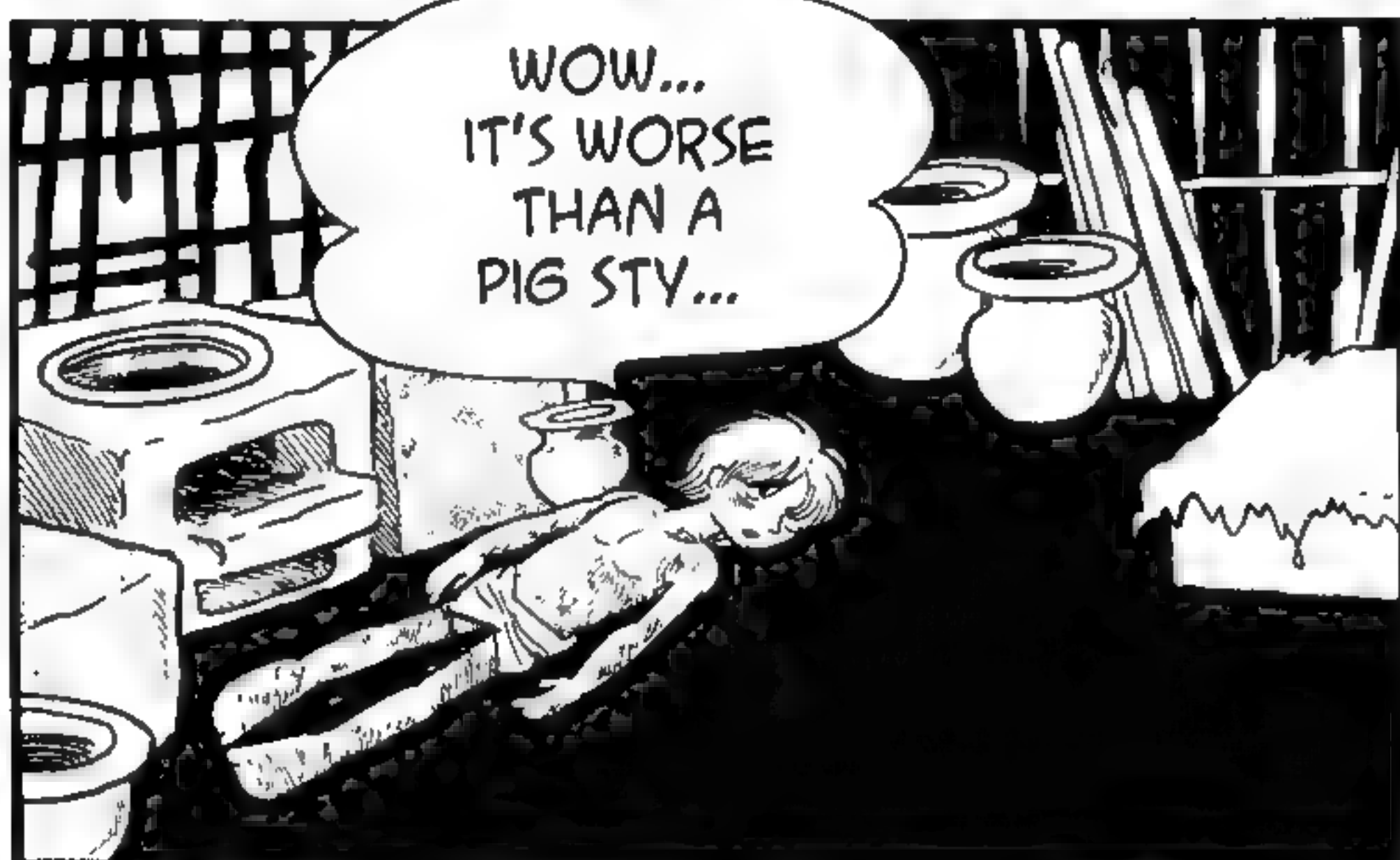




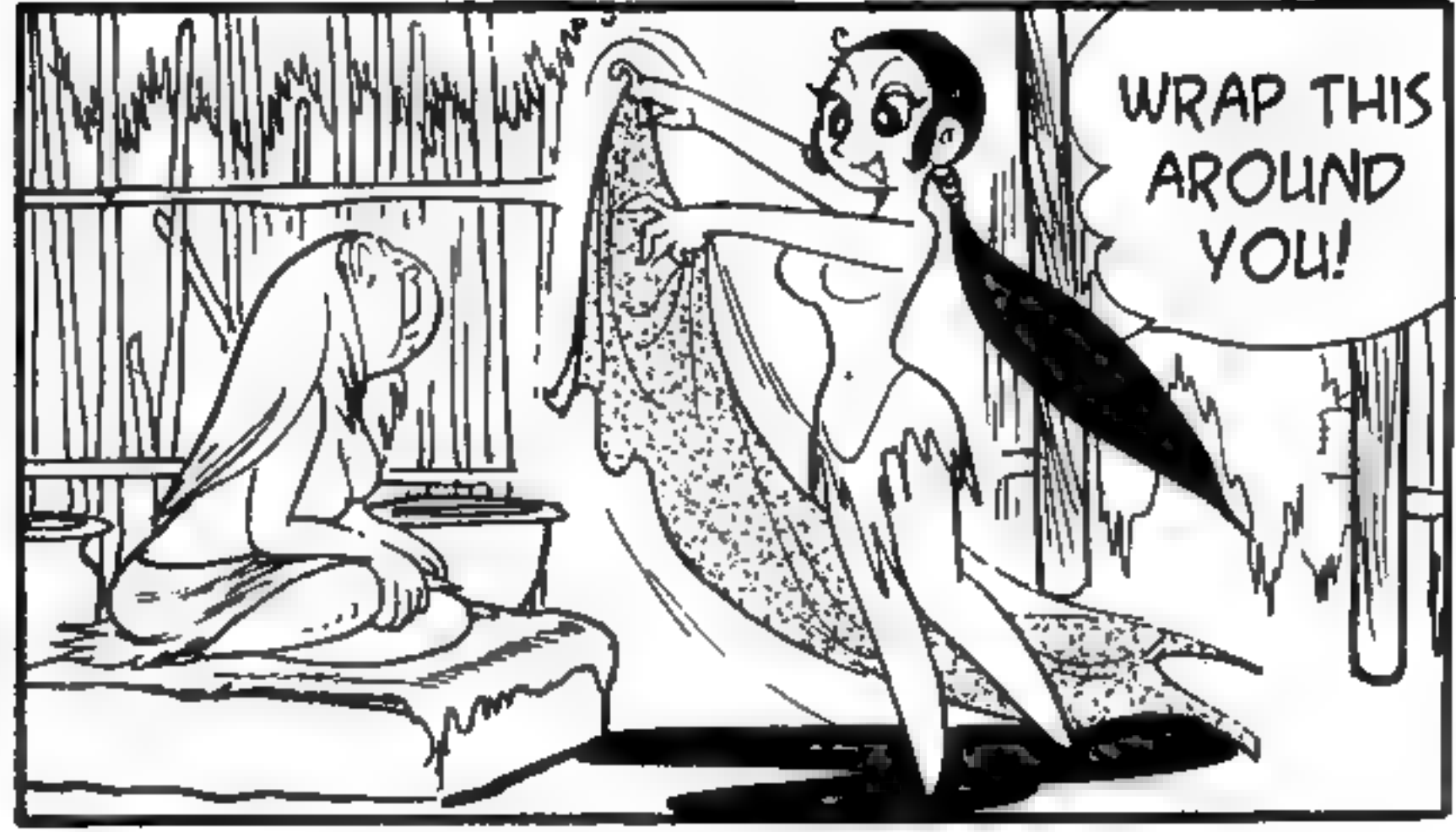


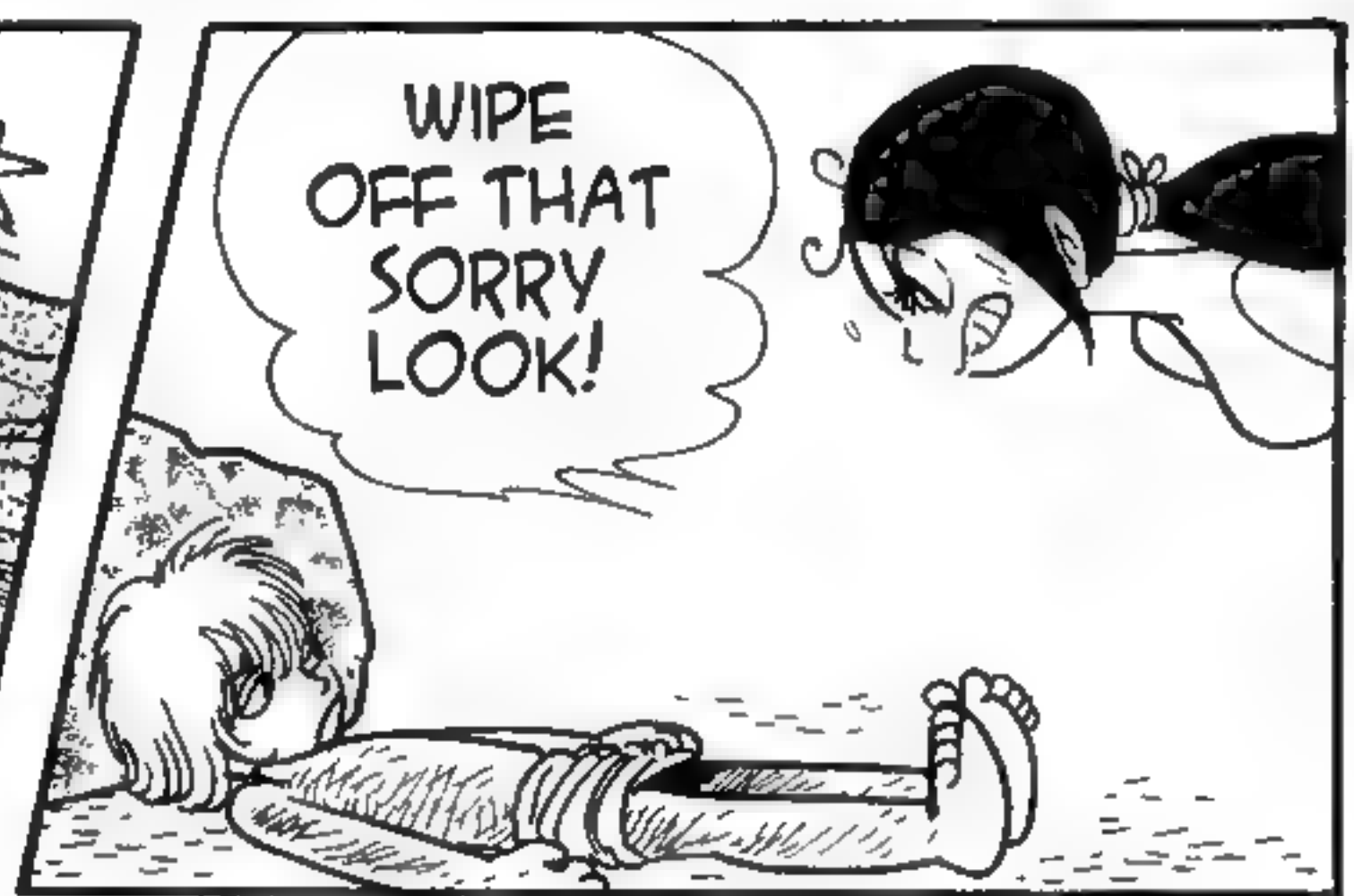
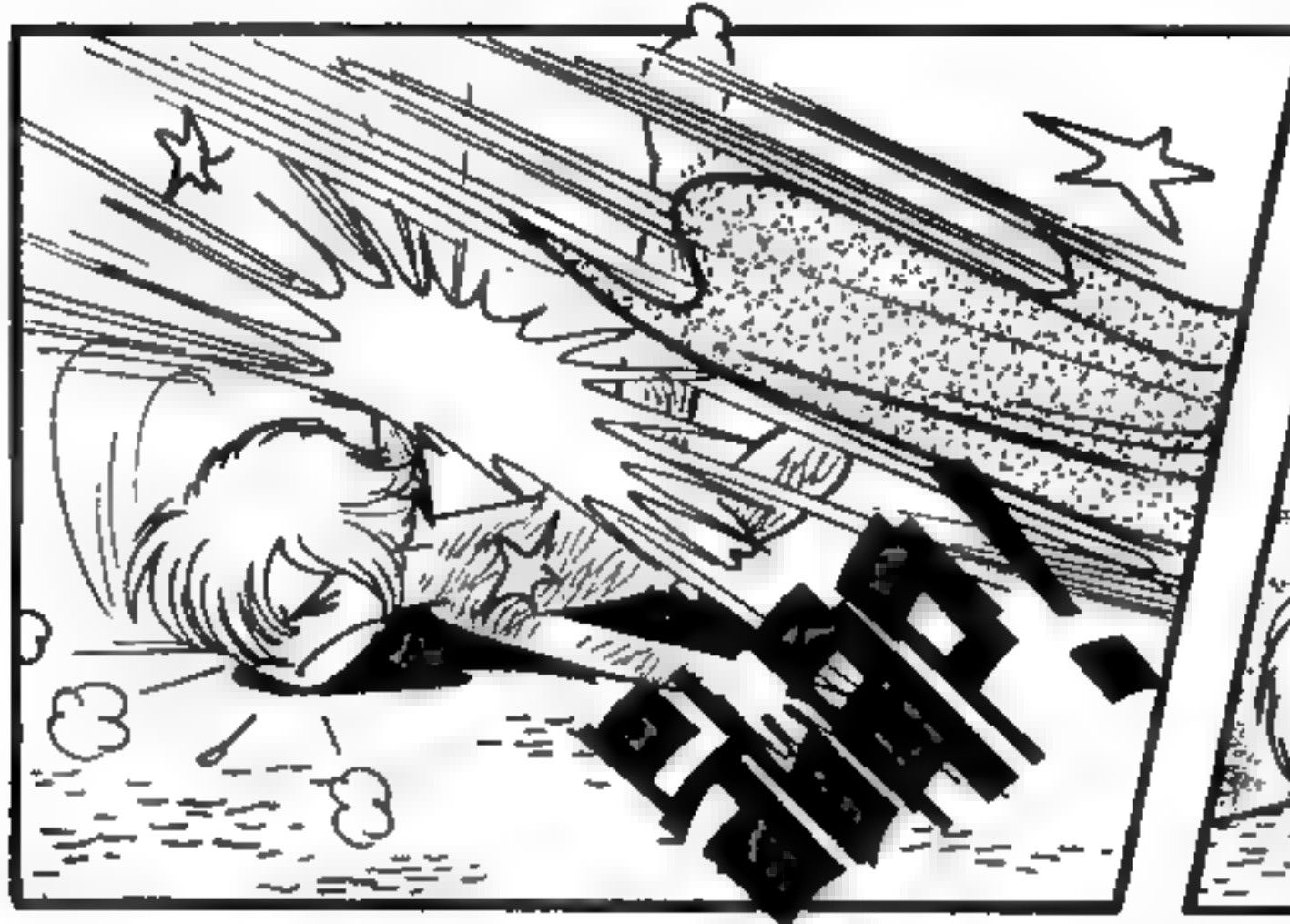
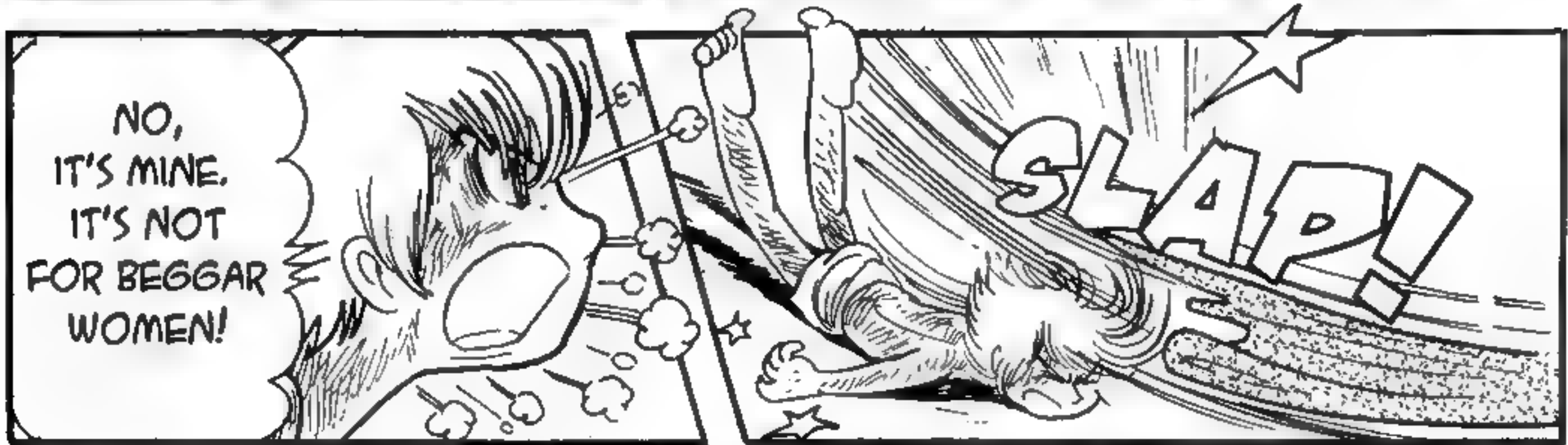


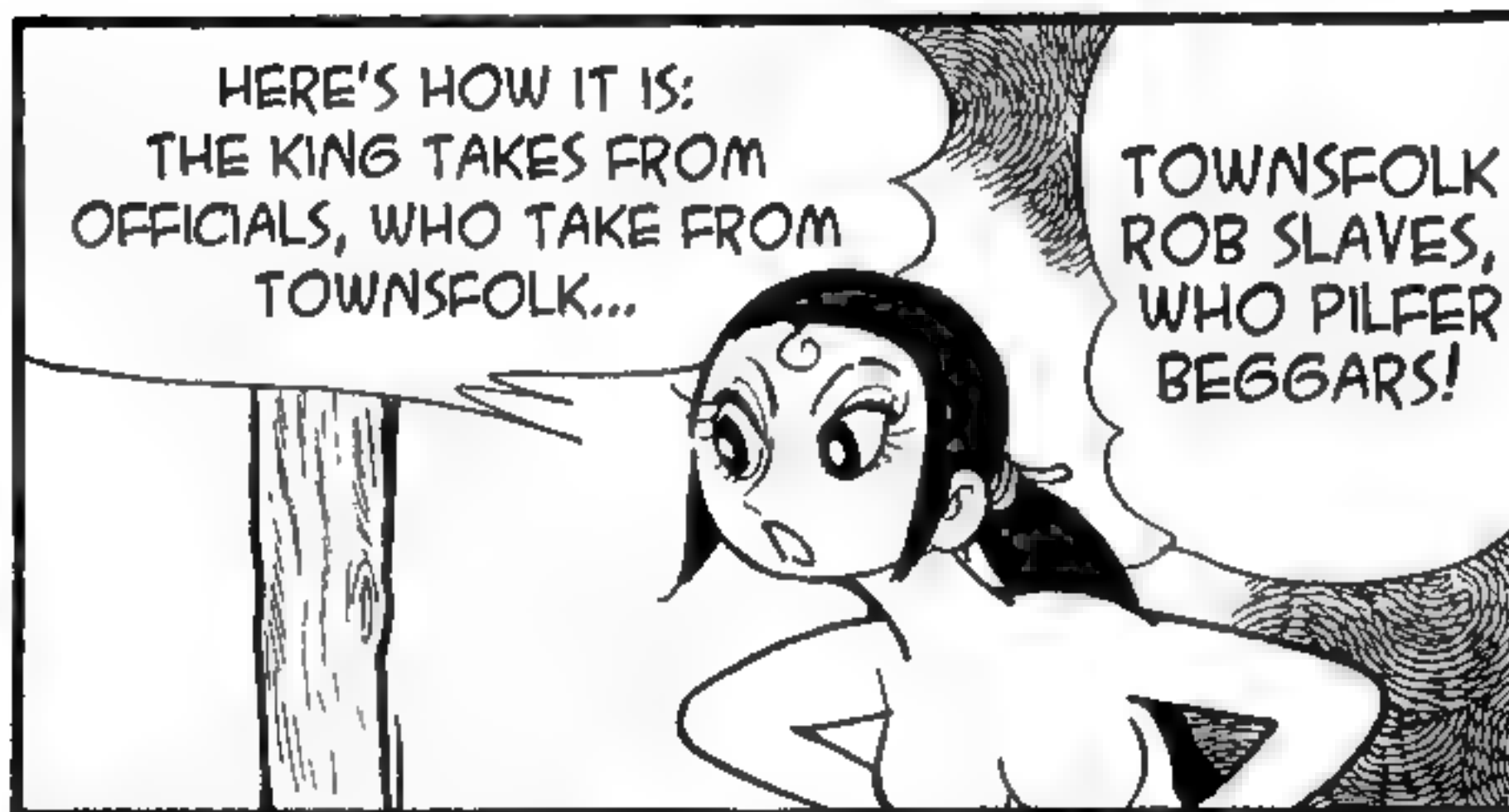
THIS MUST
BE TATTA'S
HOME.

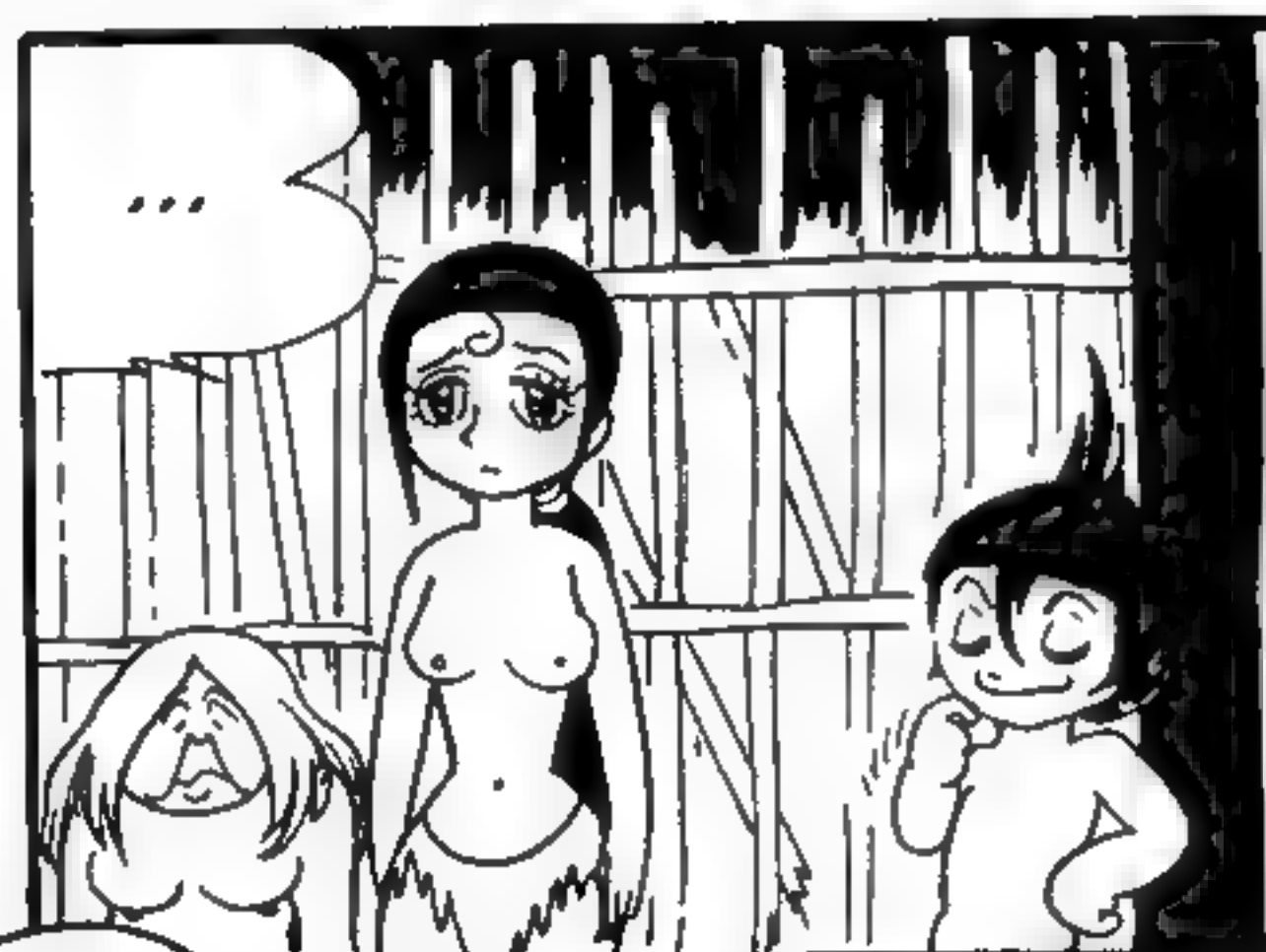
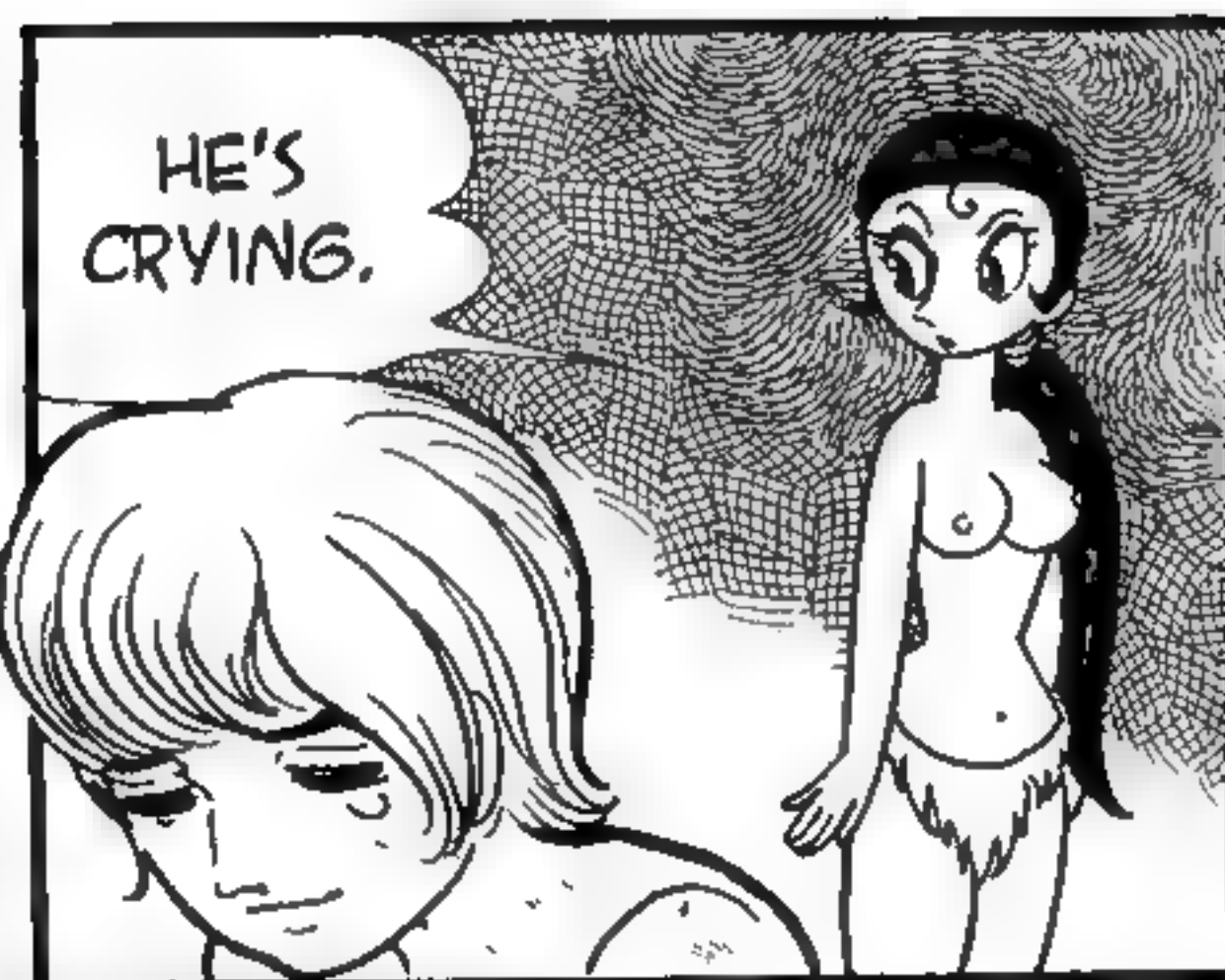


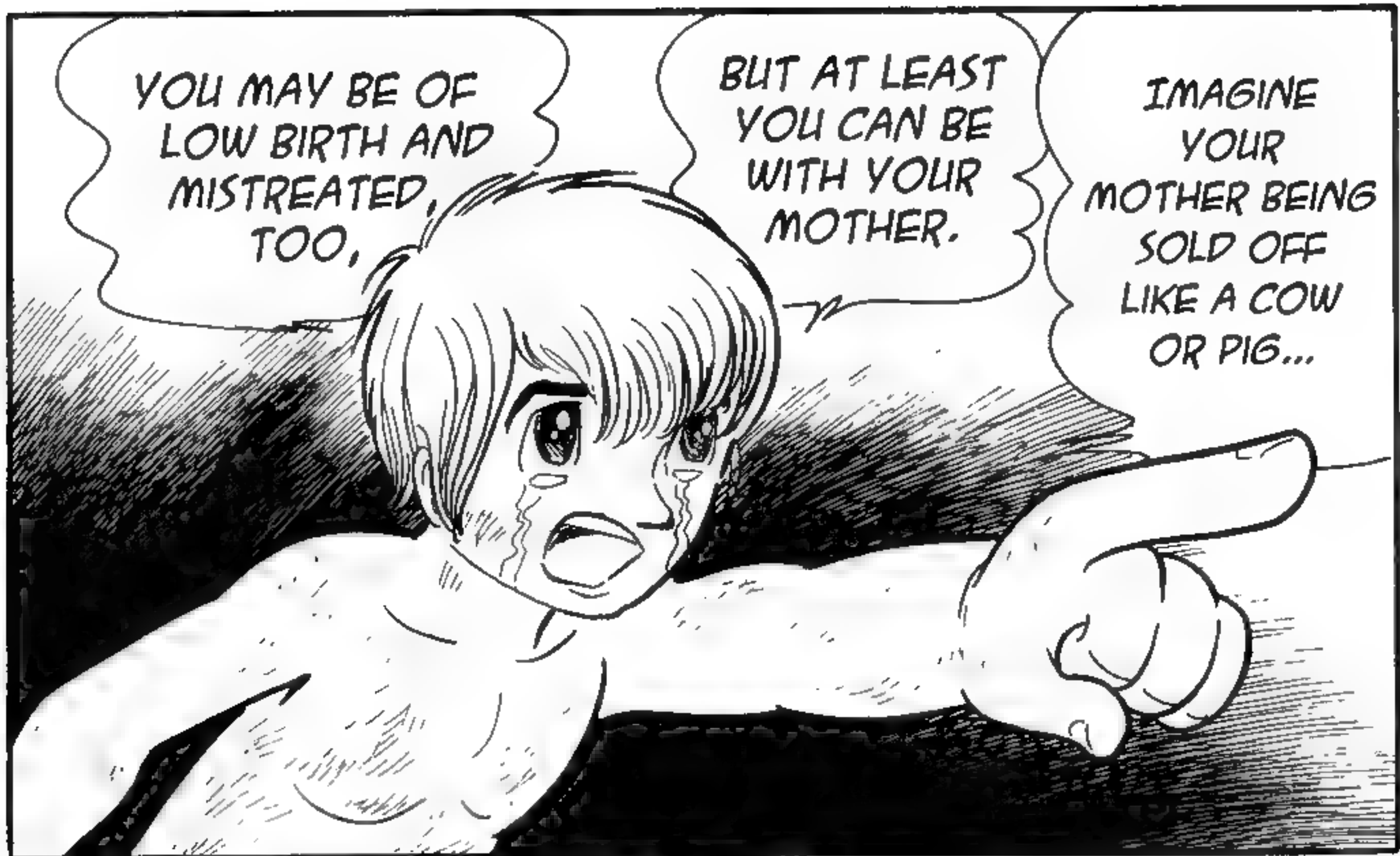
WOW...
IT'S WORSE
THAN A
PIG STY...





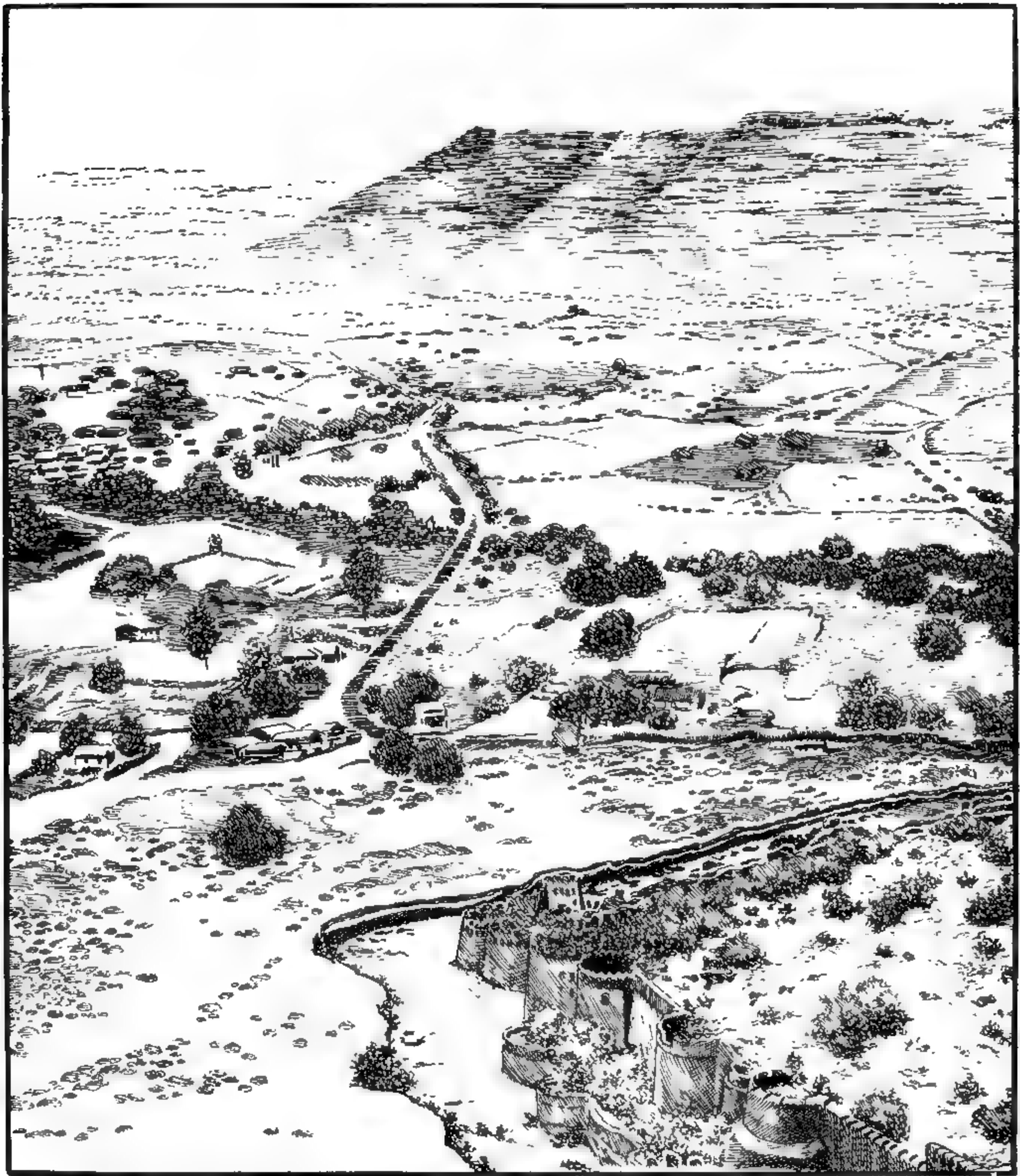


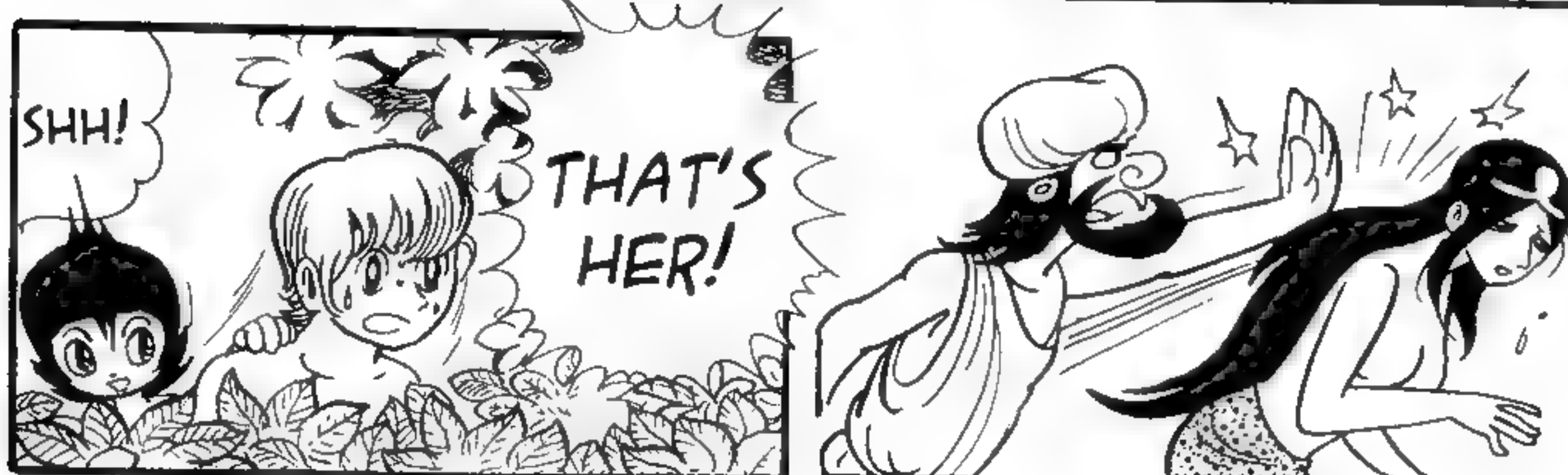
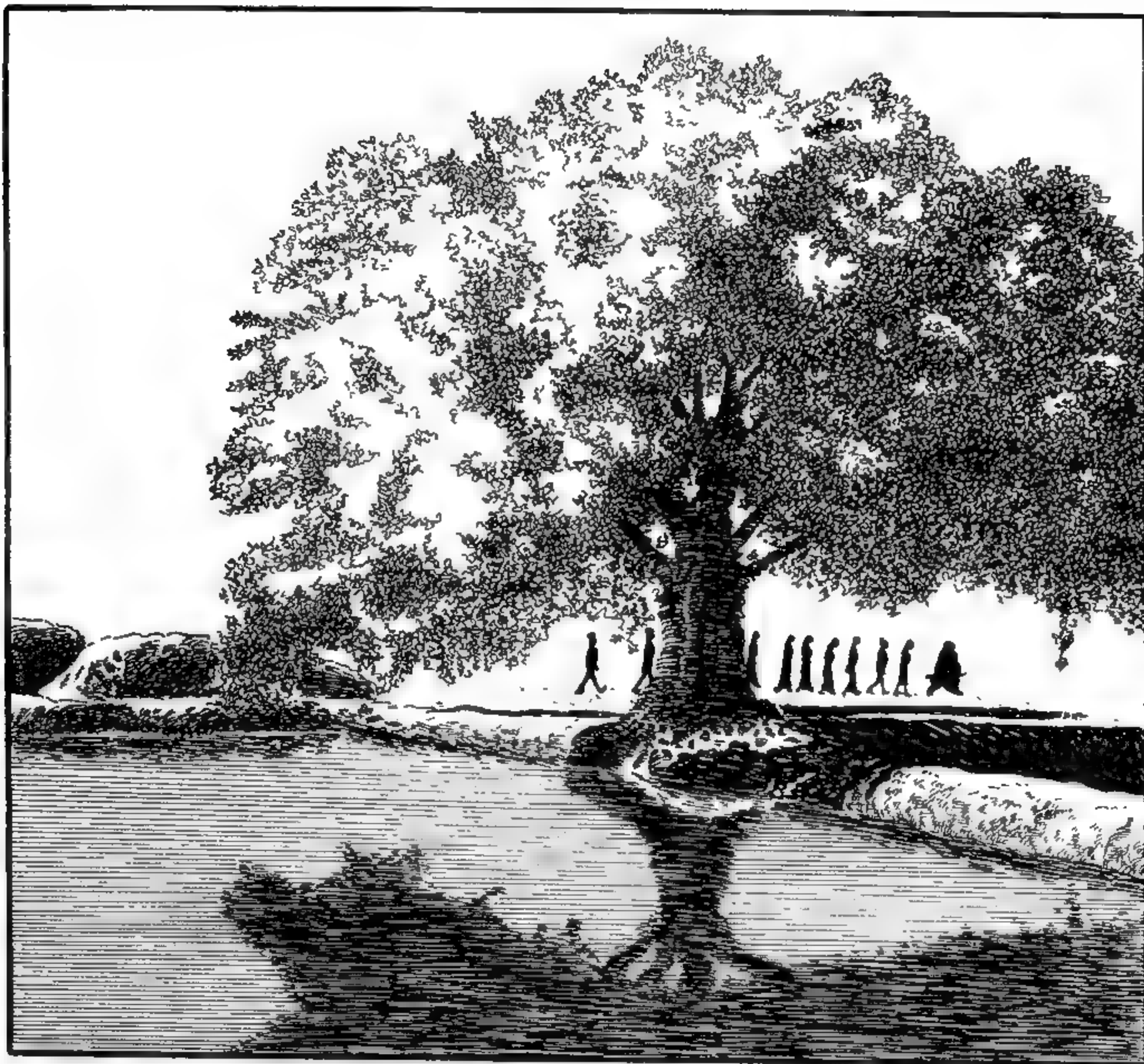


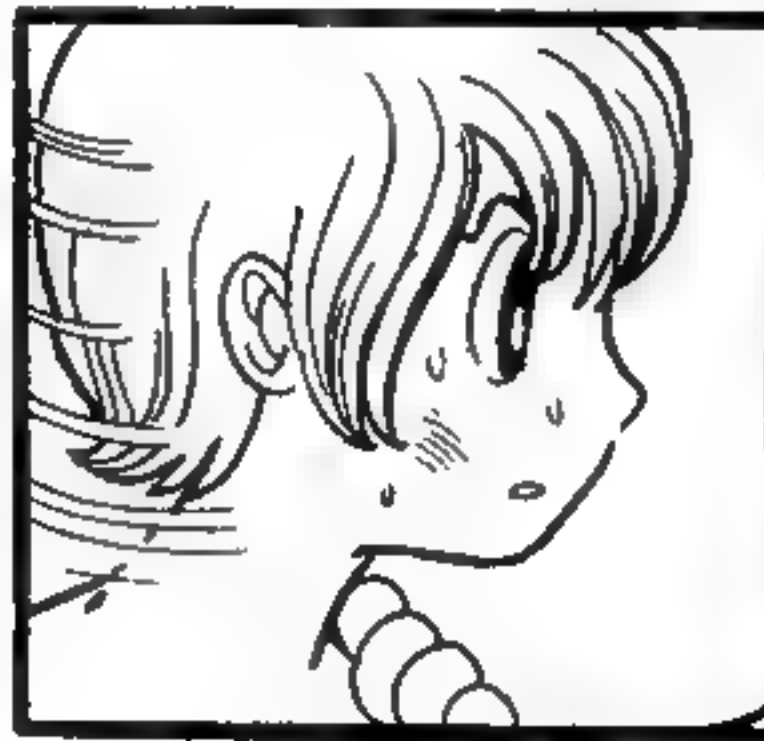
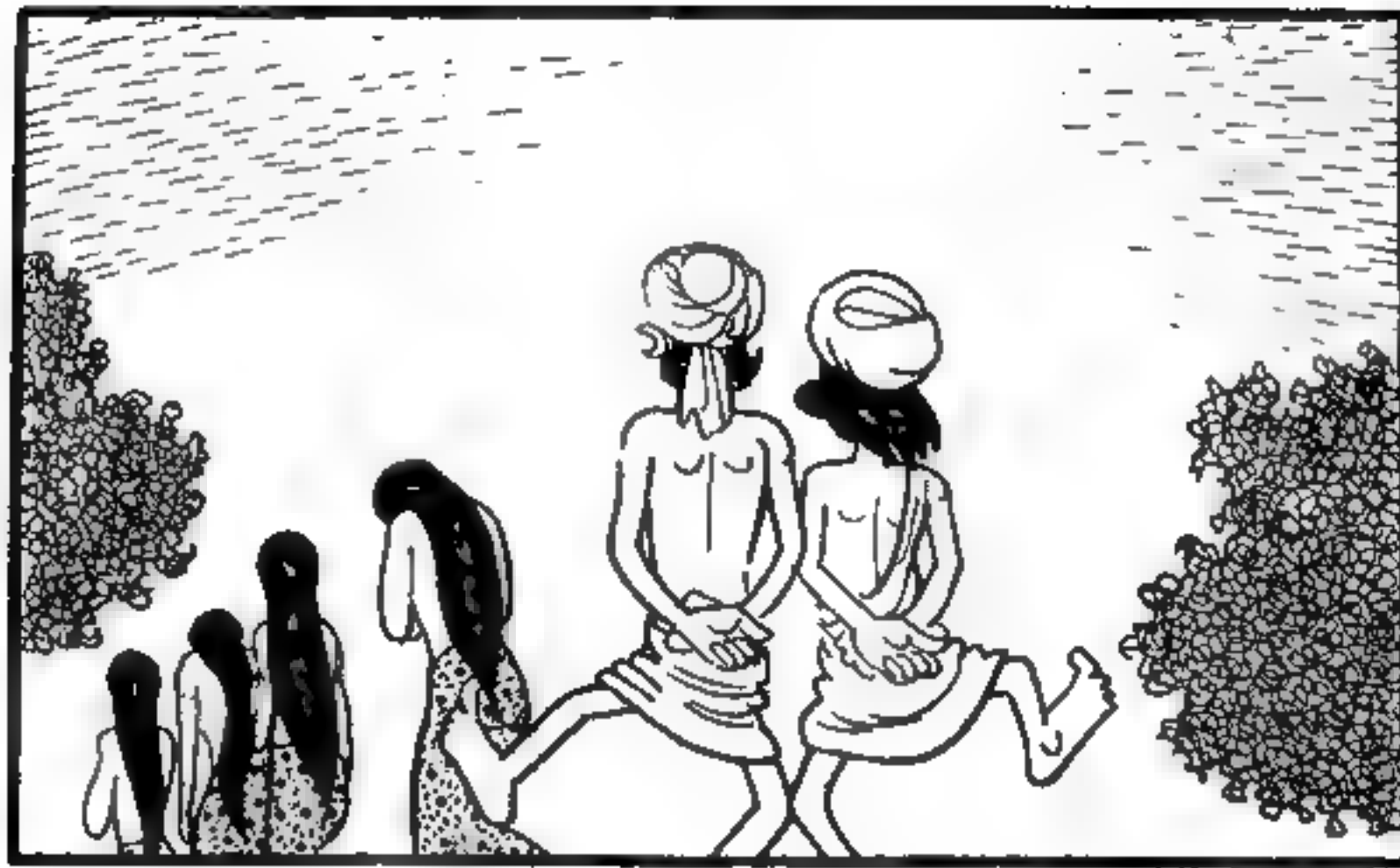


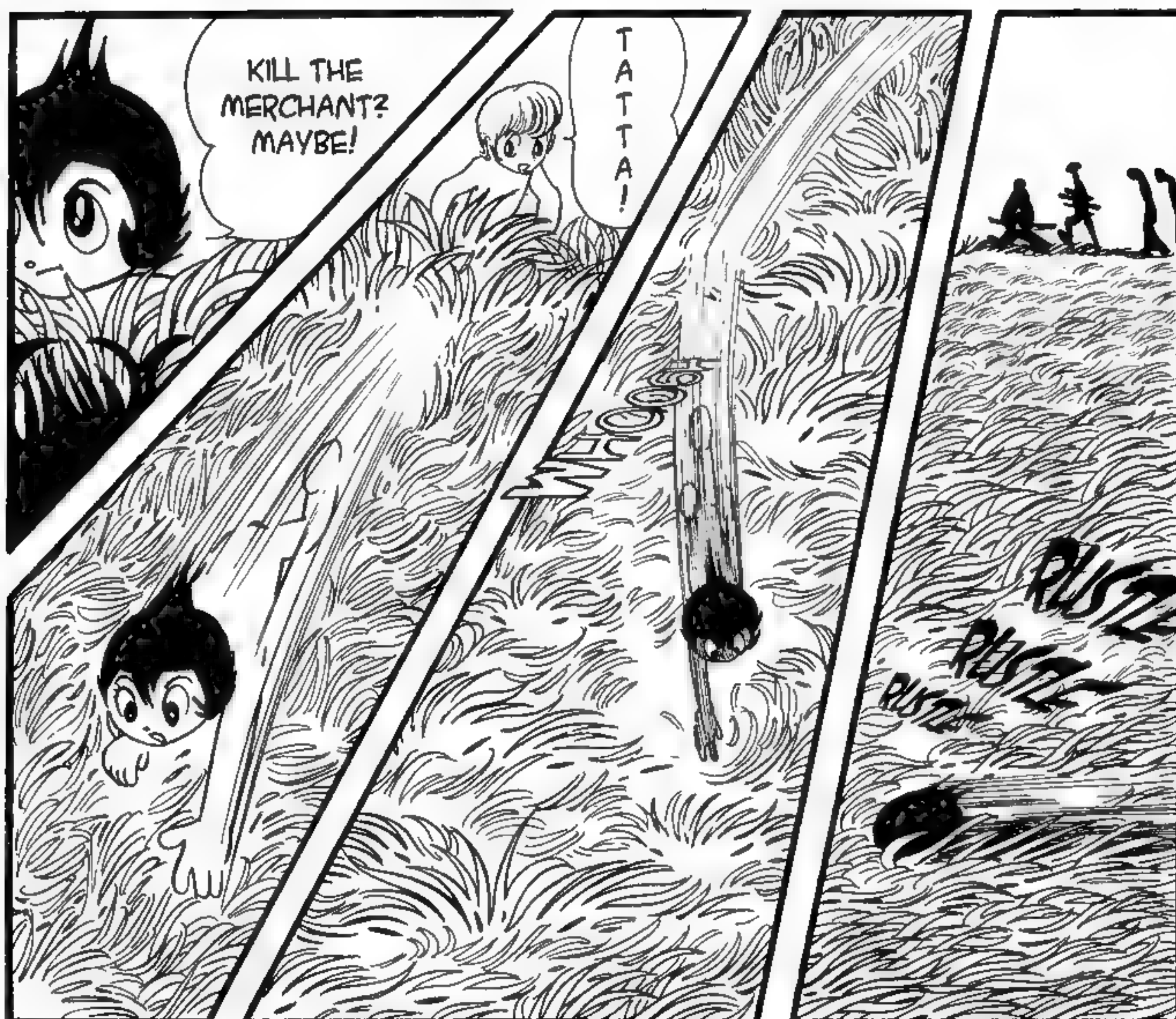
CHAPTER TWO

TATTA THE URCHIN



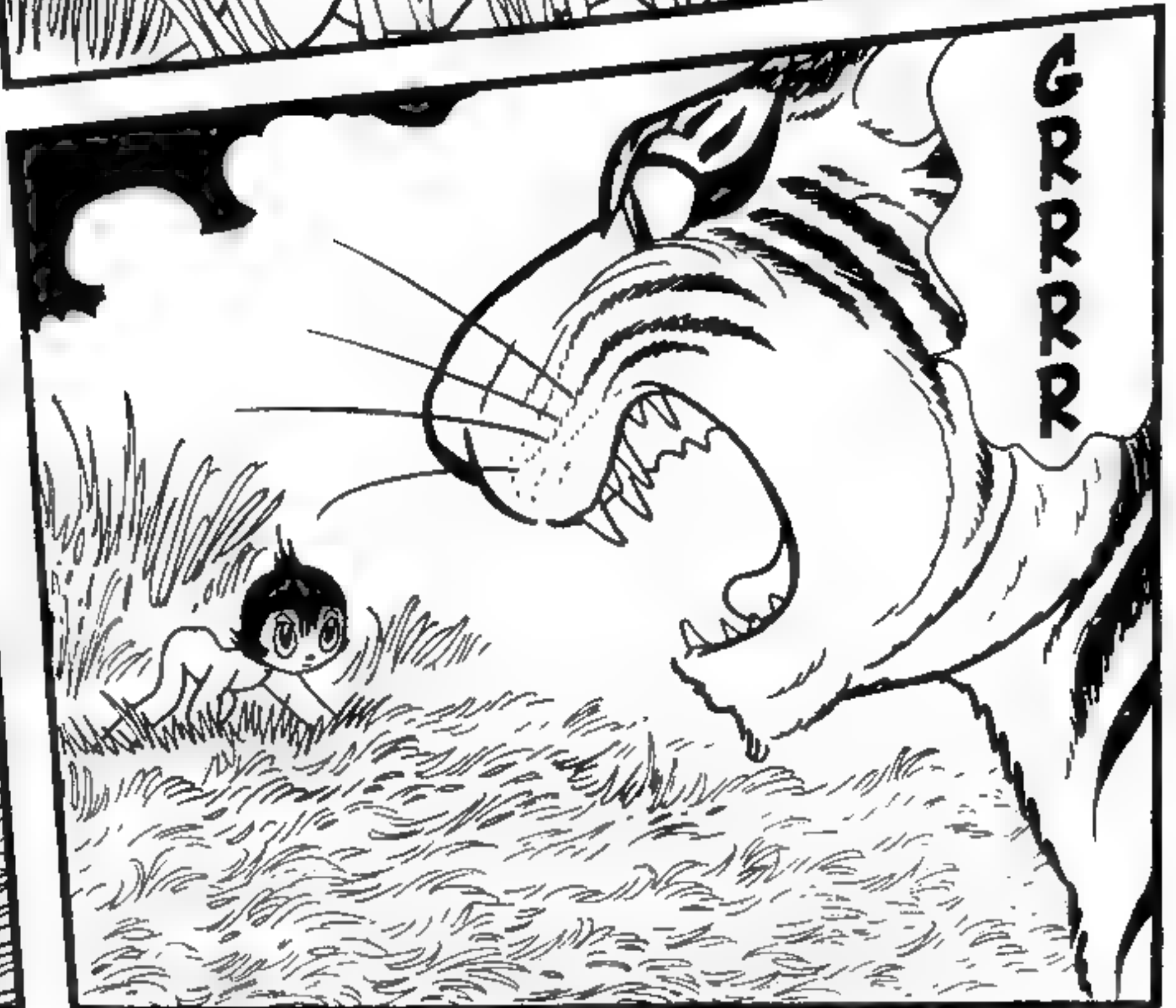


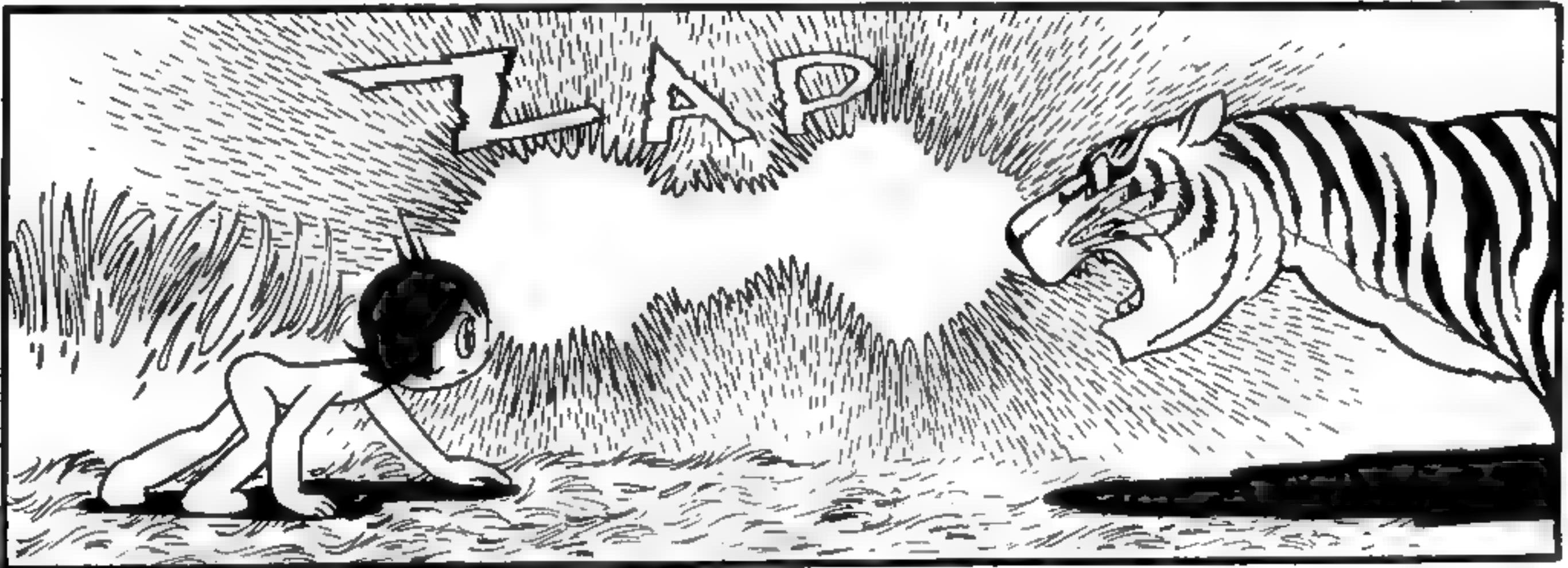






HOWDY...
I'M
COUNTING
ON YA!

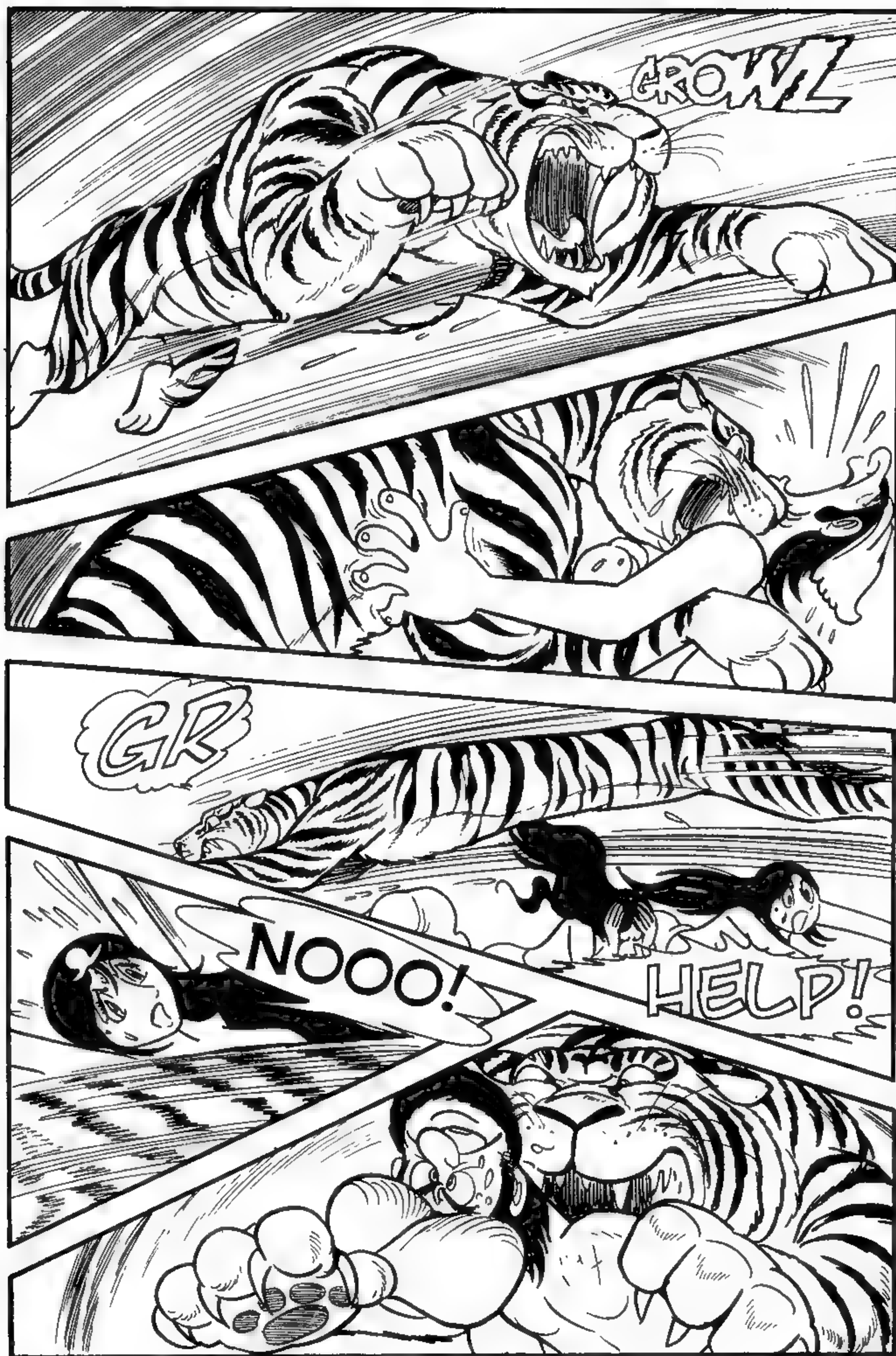


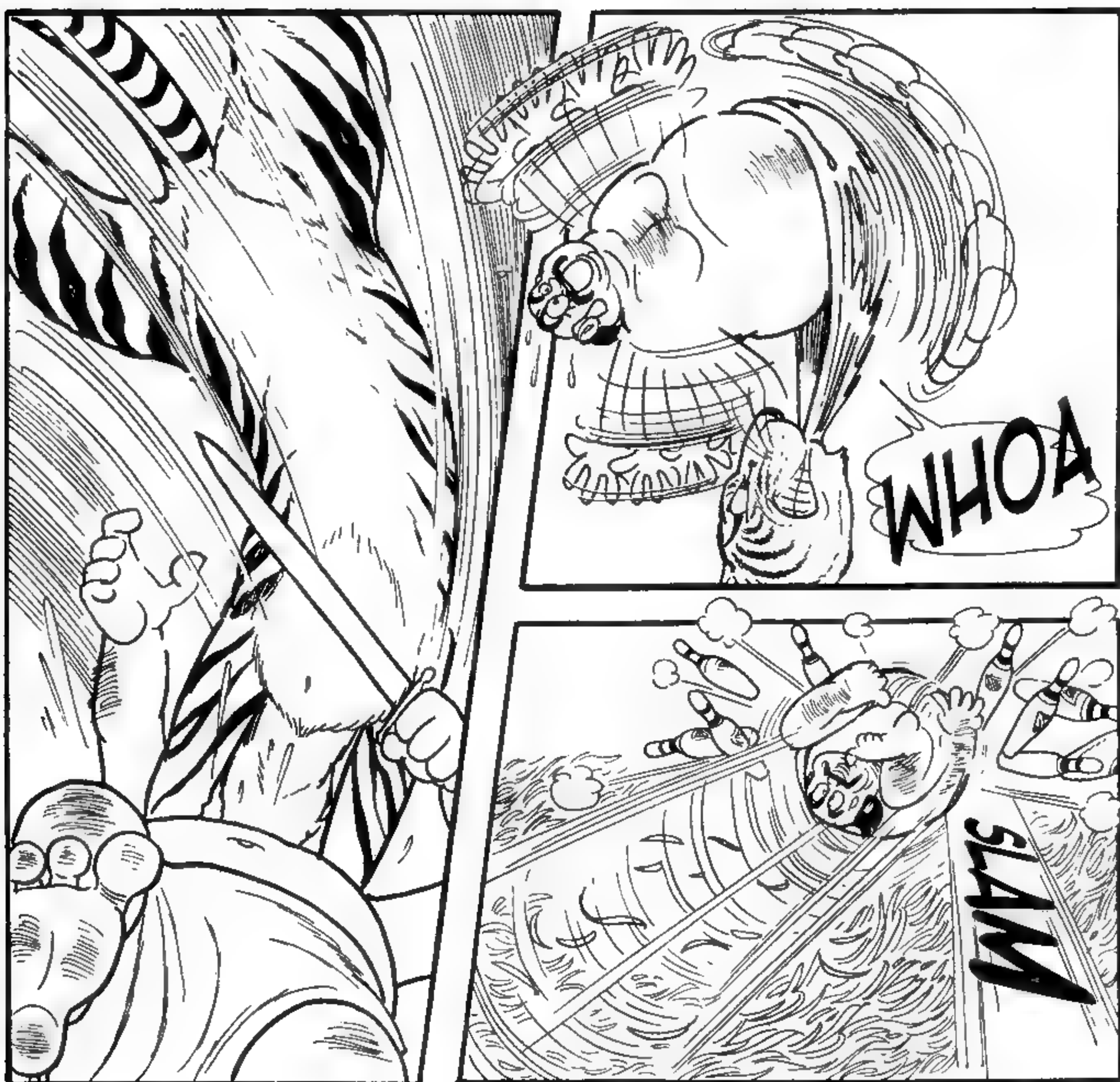


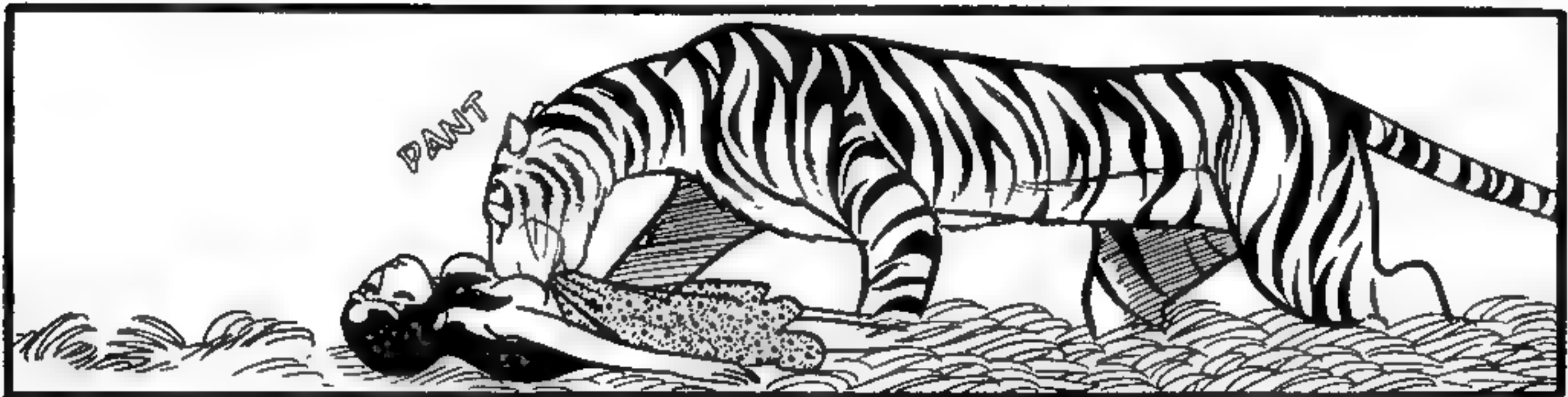


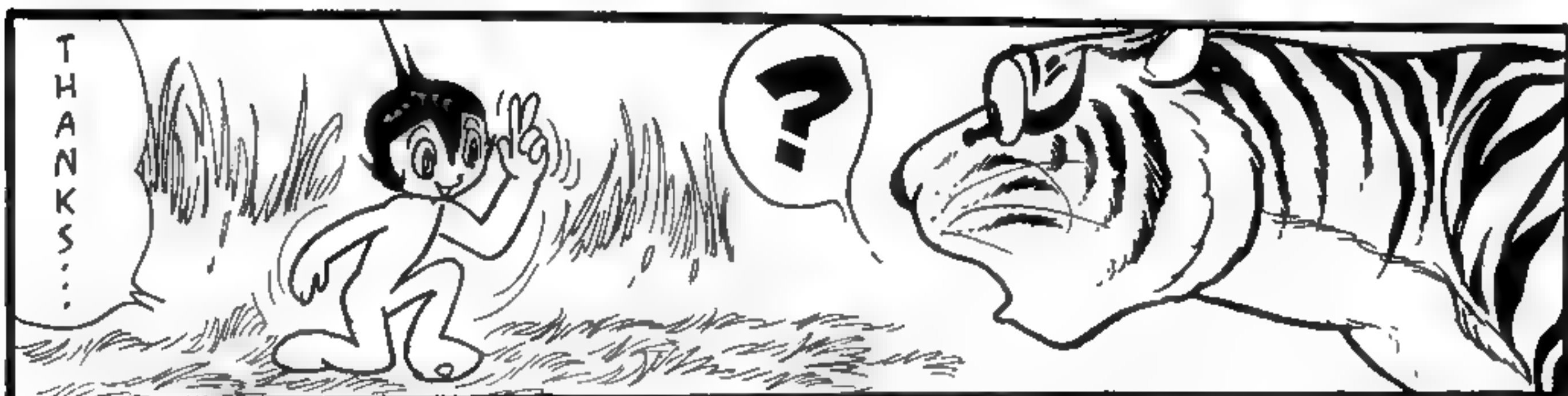
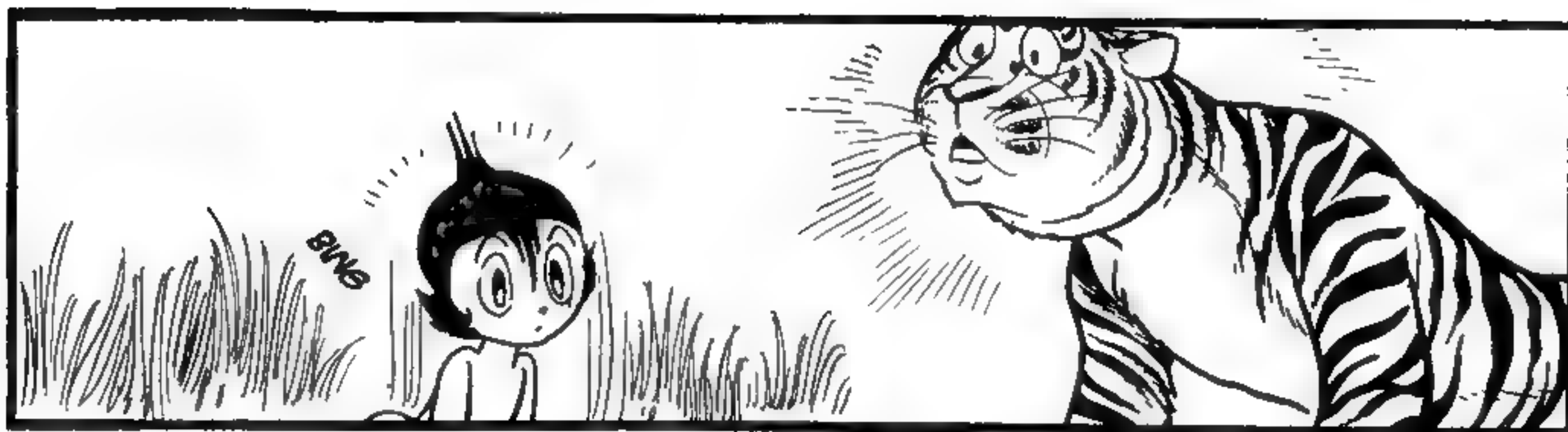
GARRH

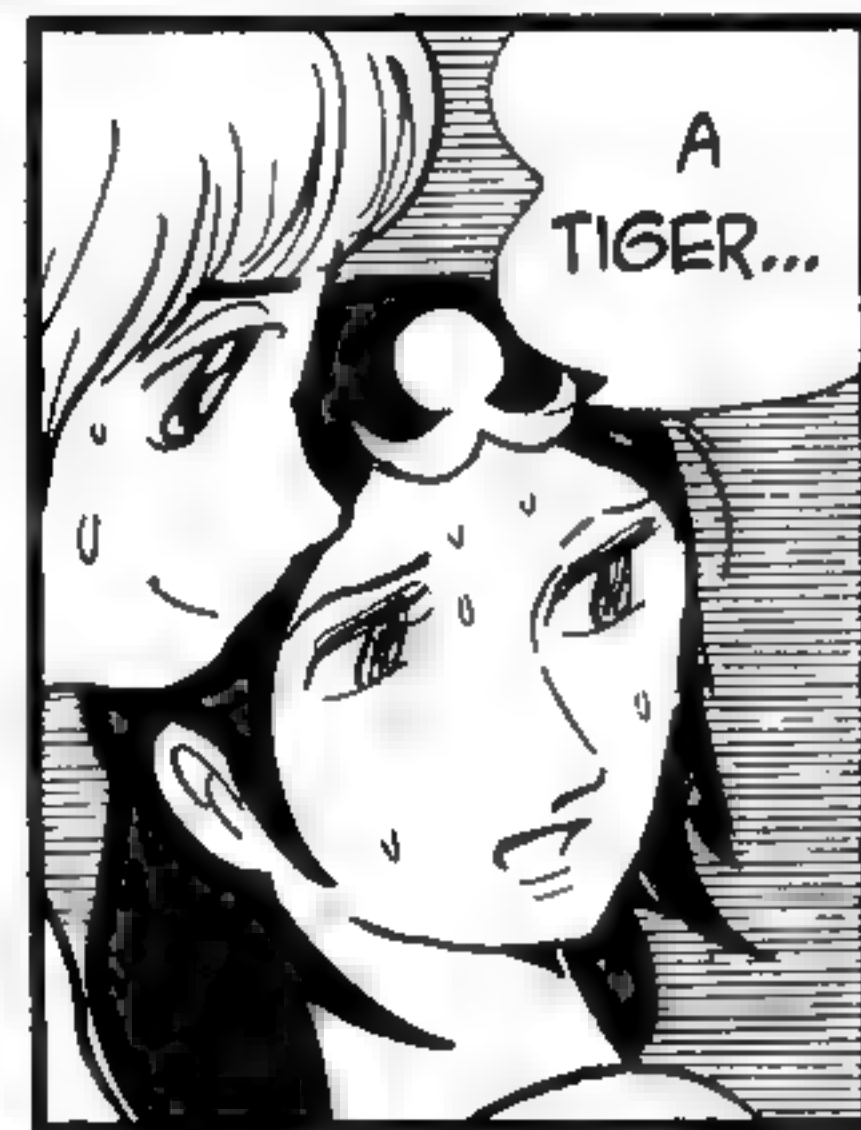
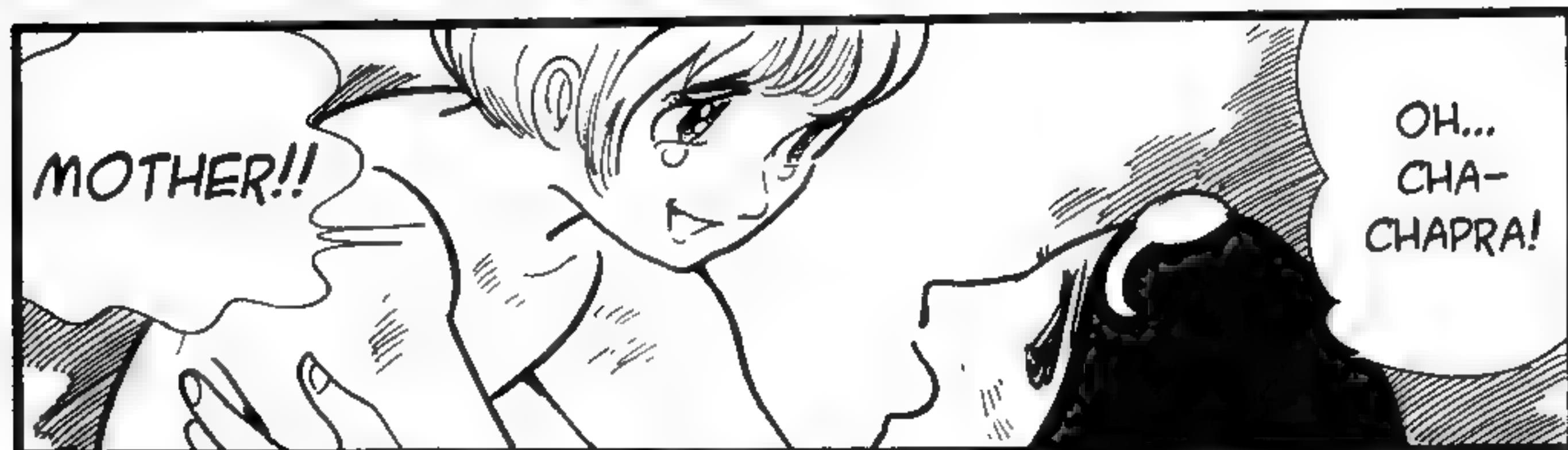
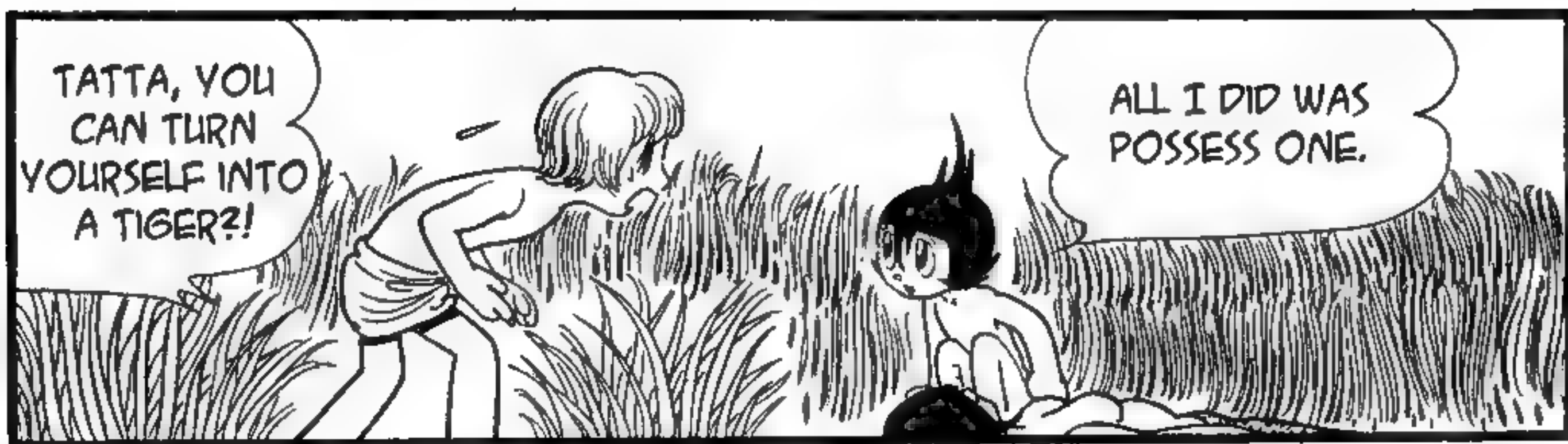


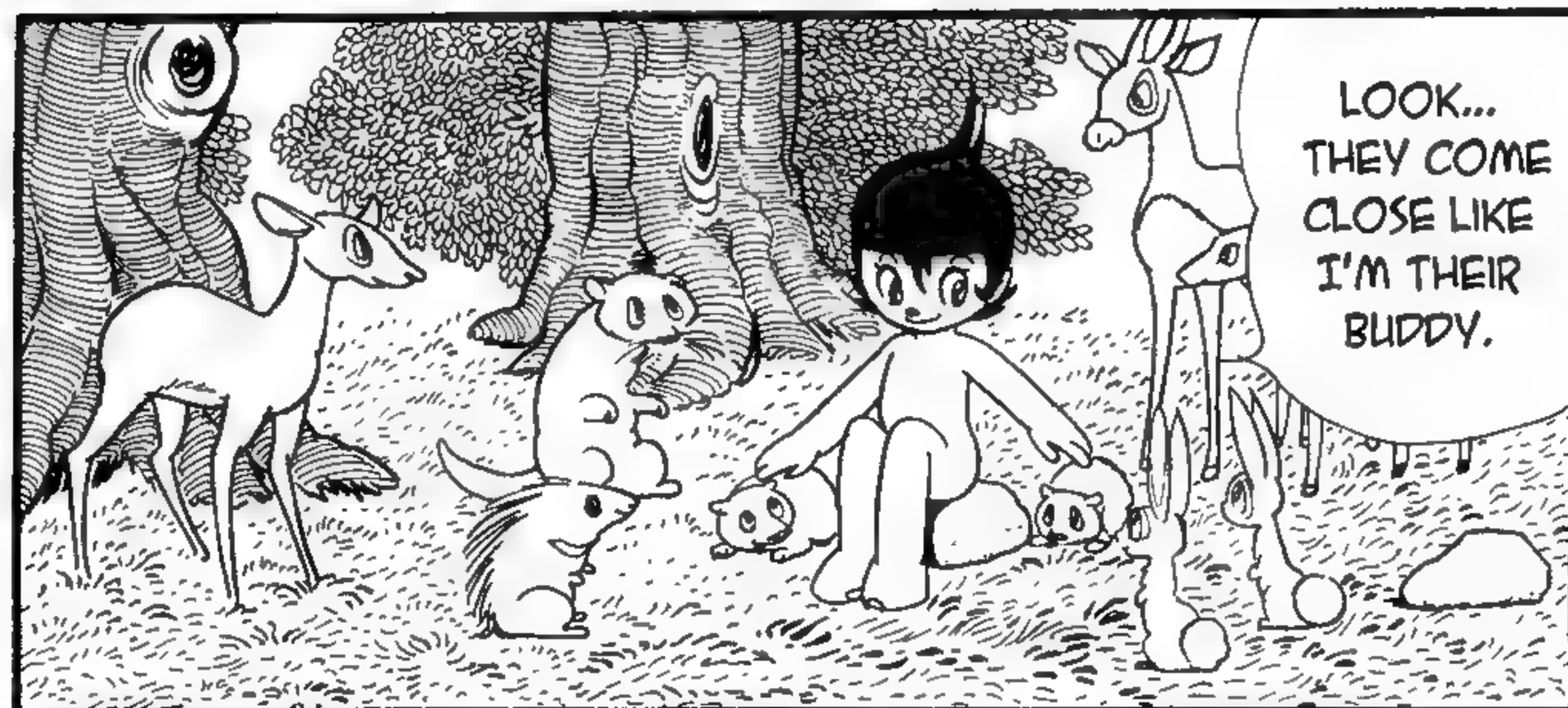
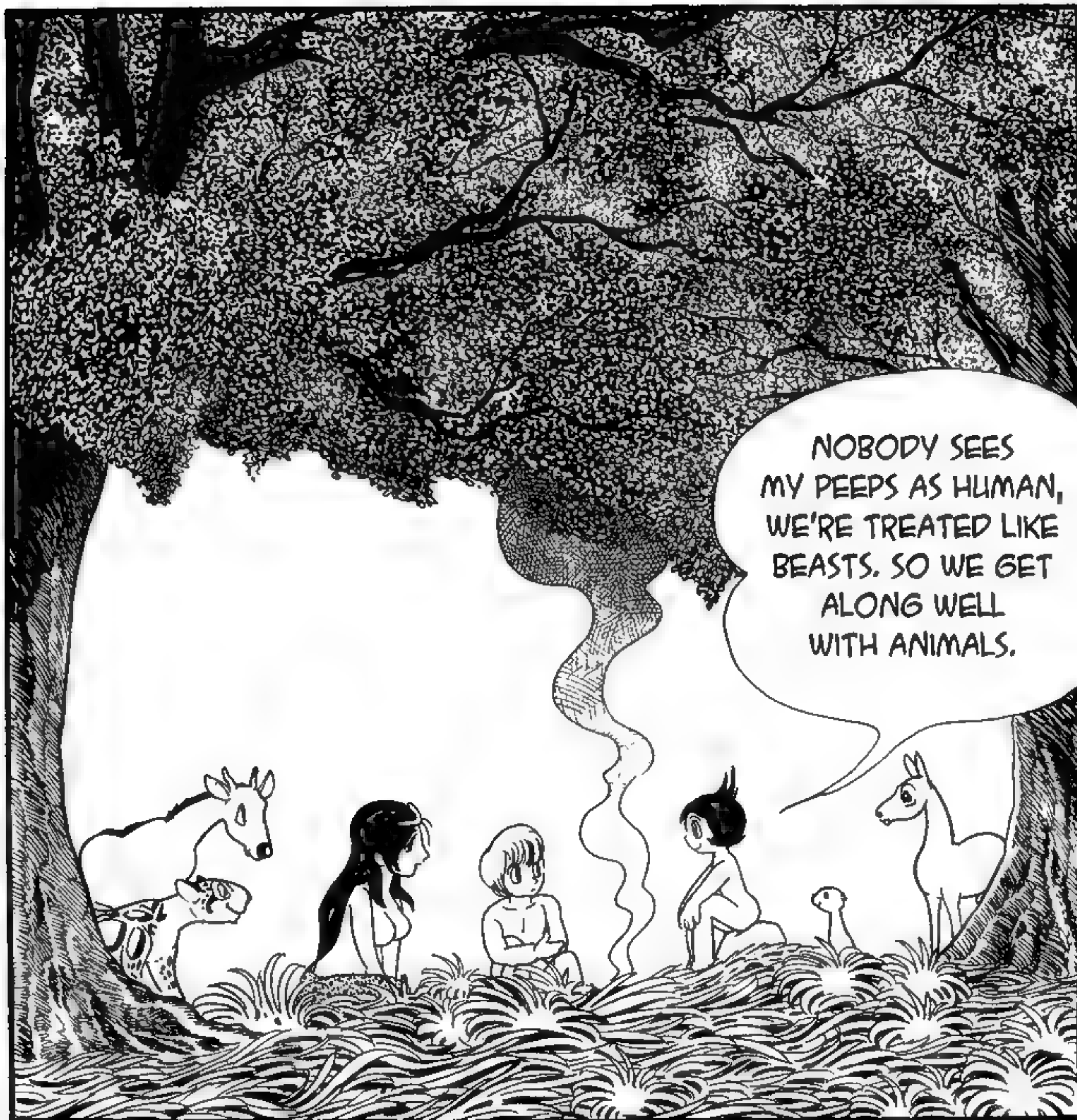




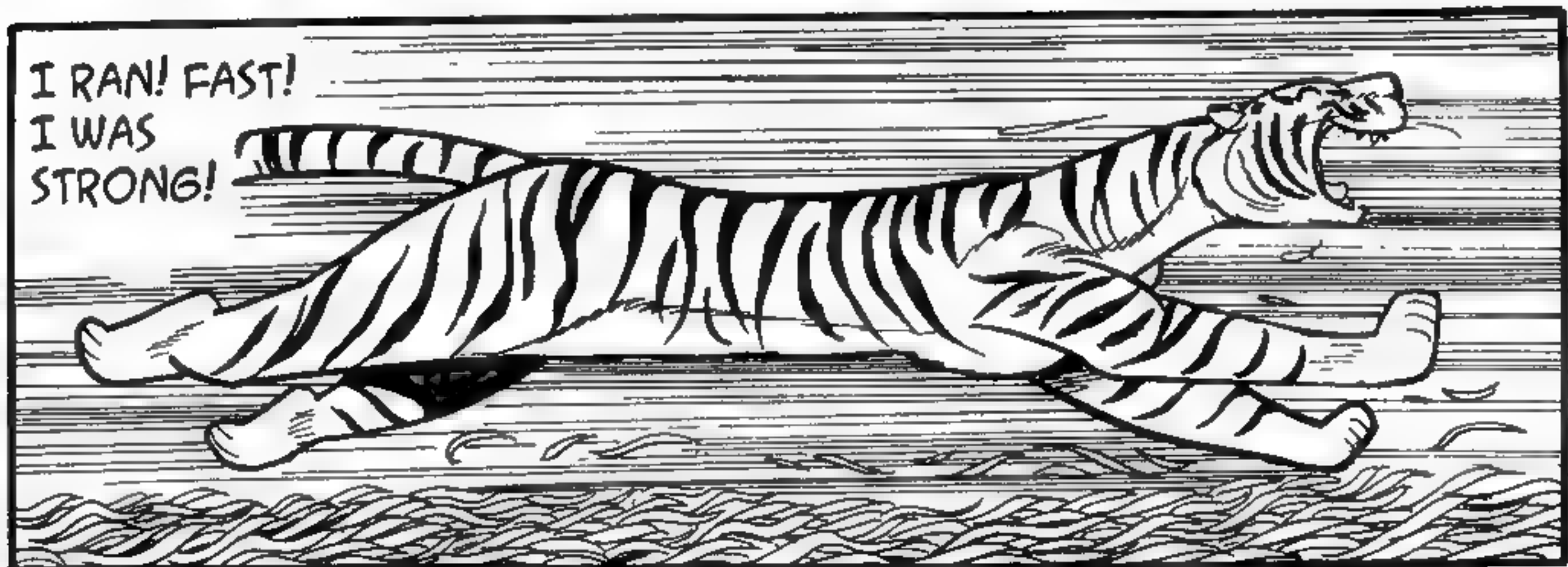
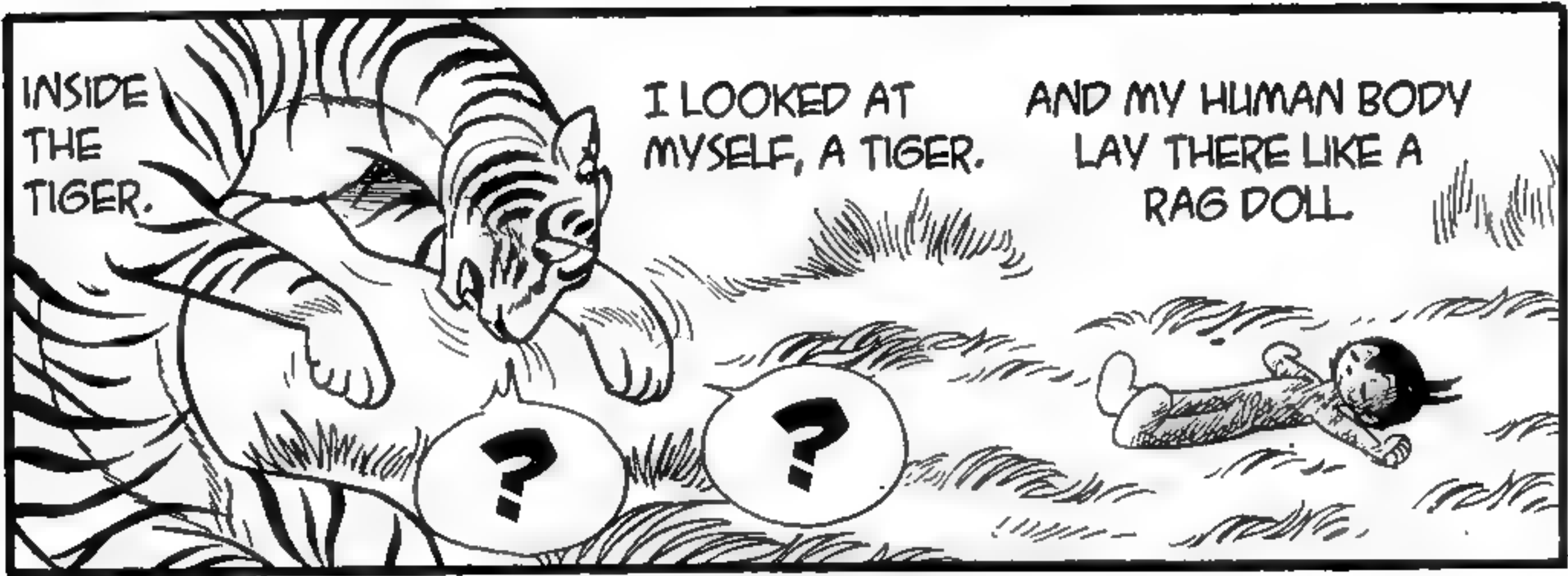




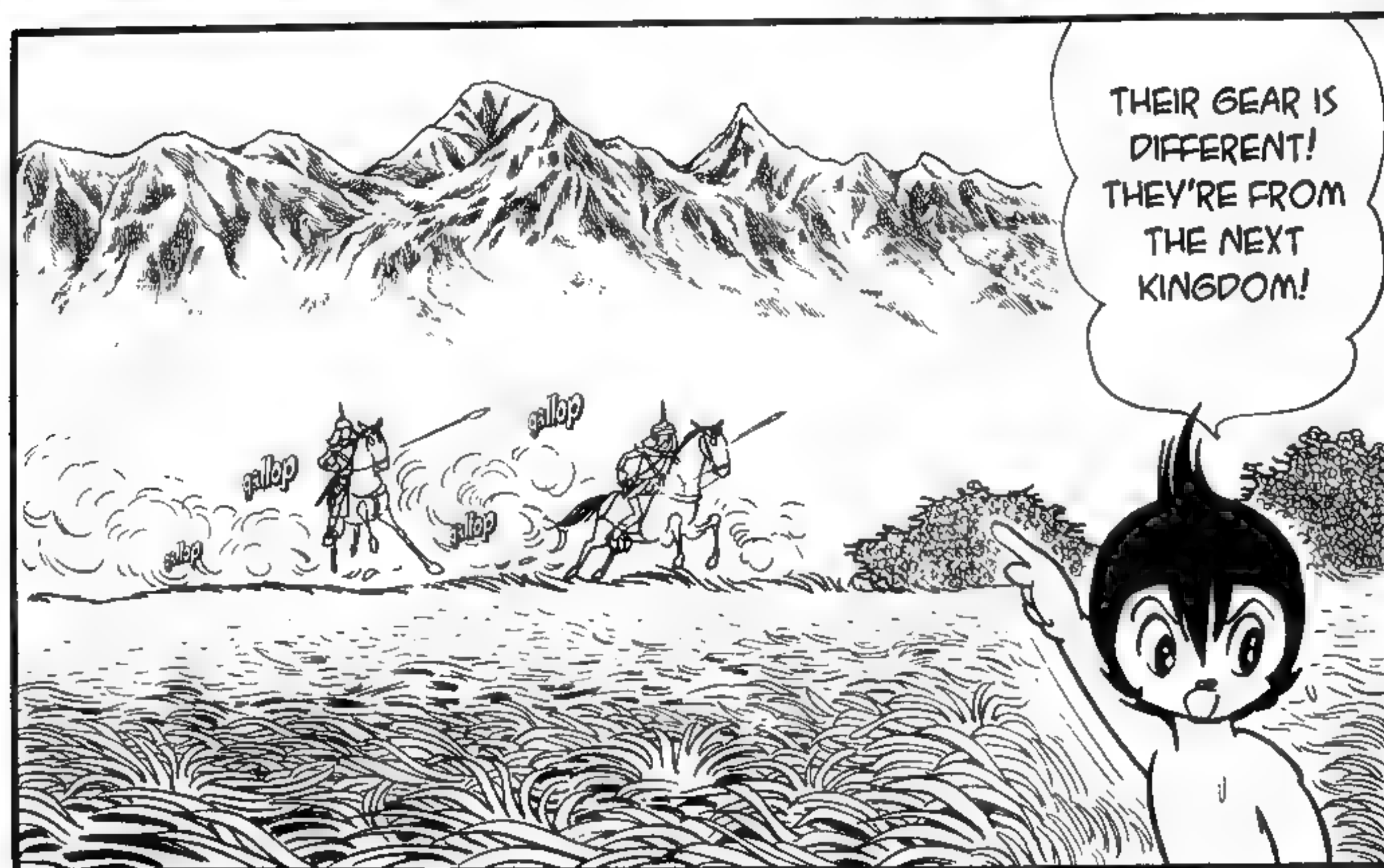


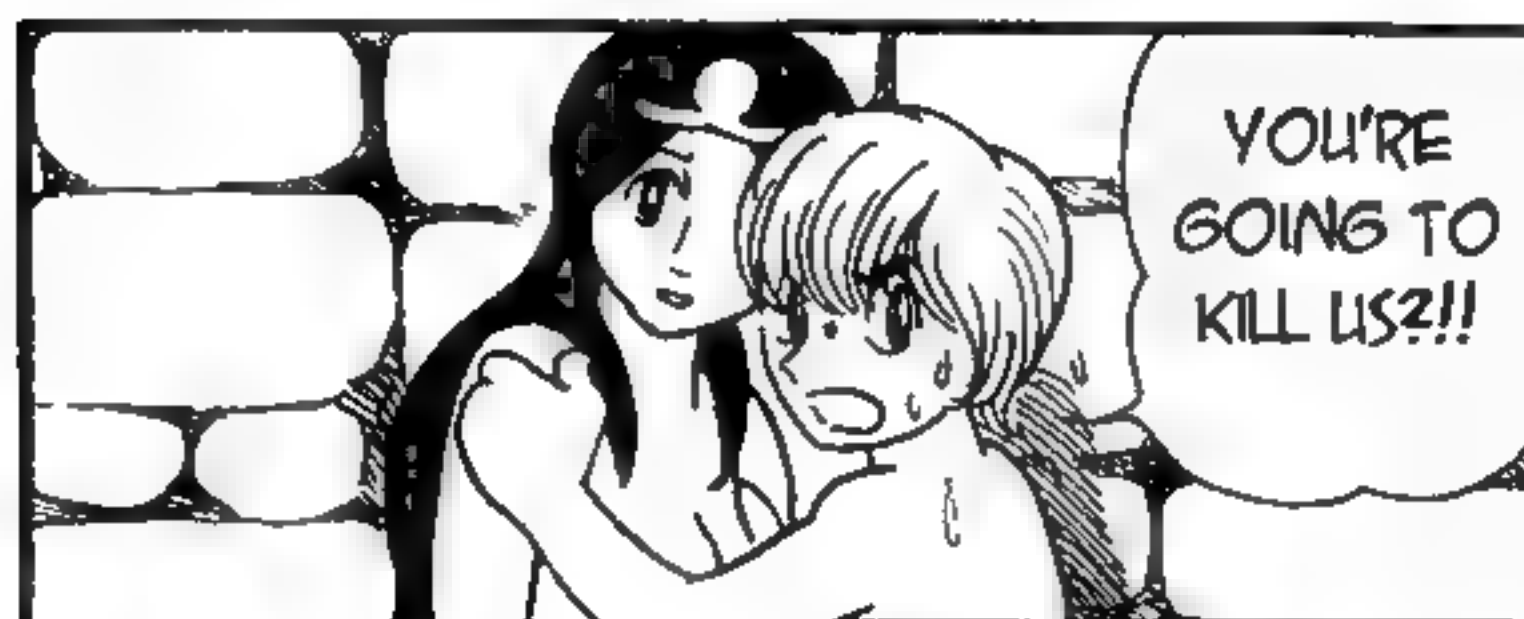
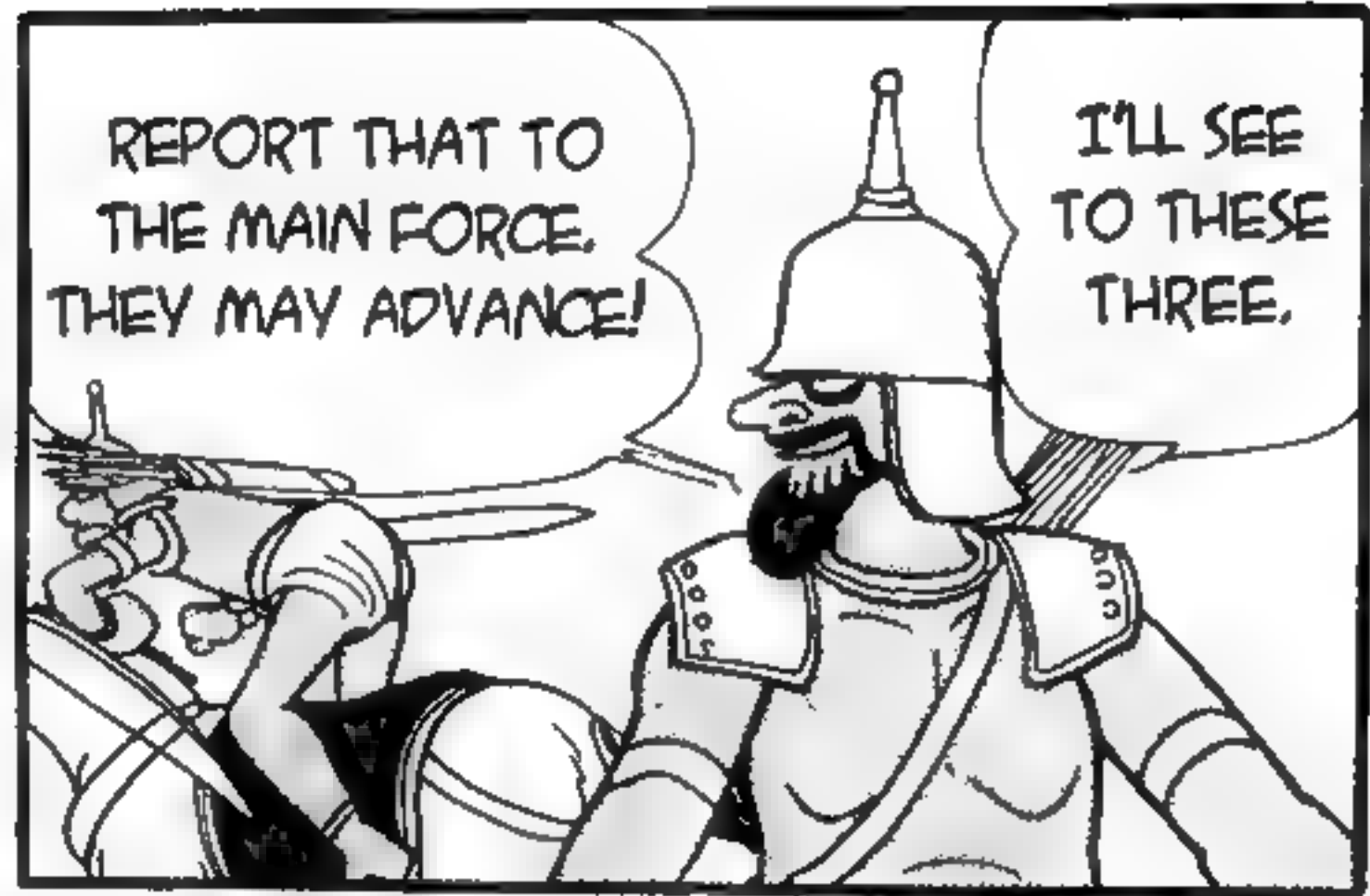
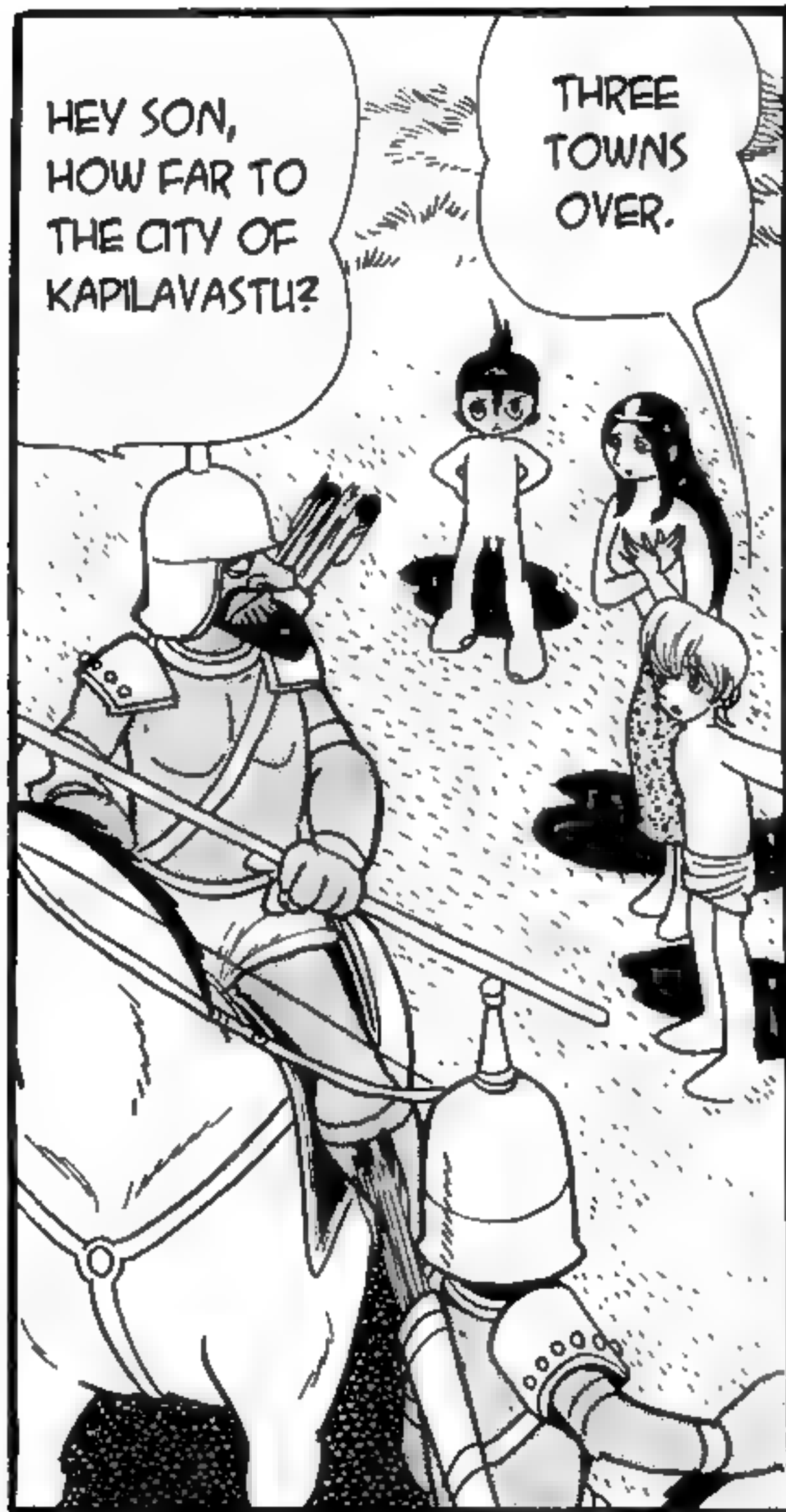


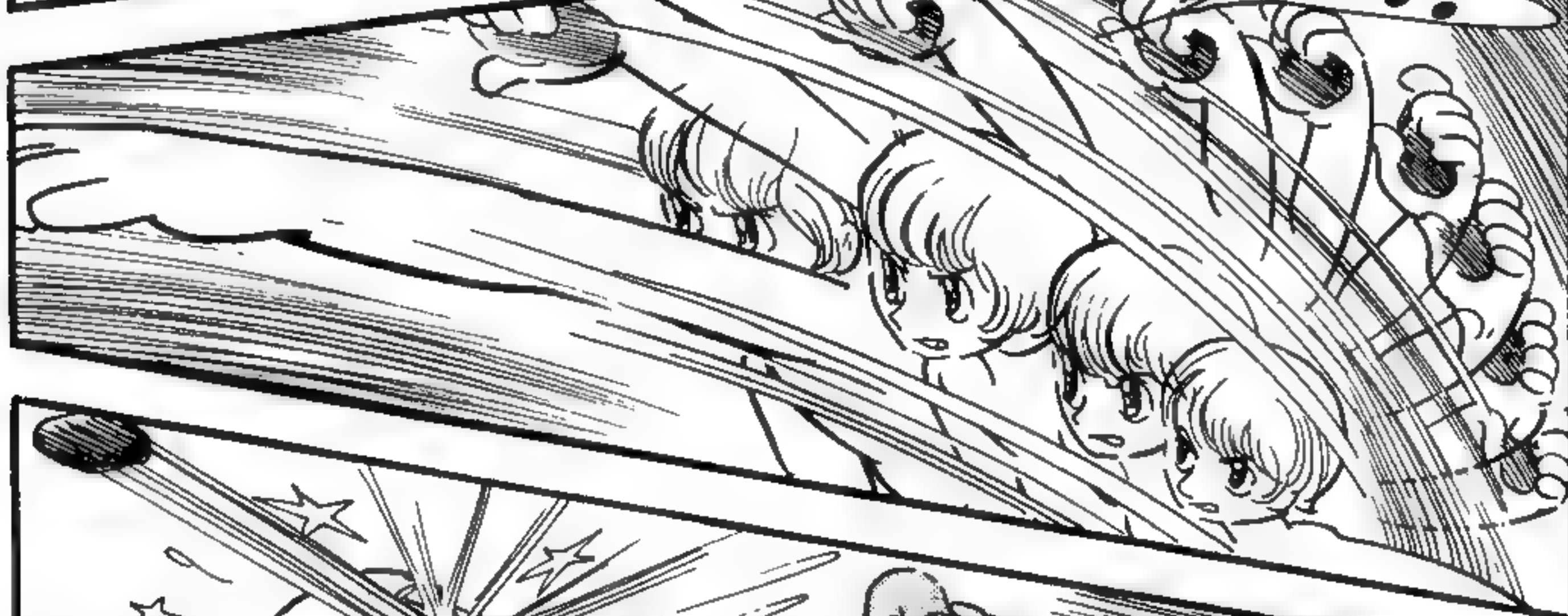
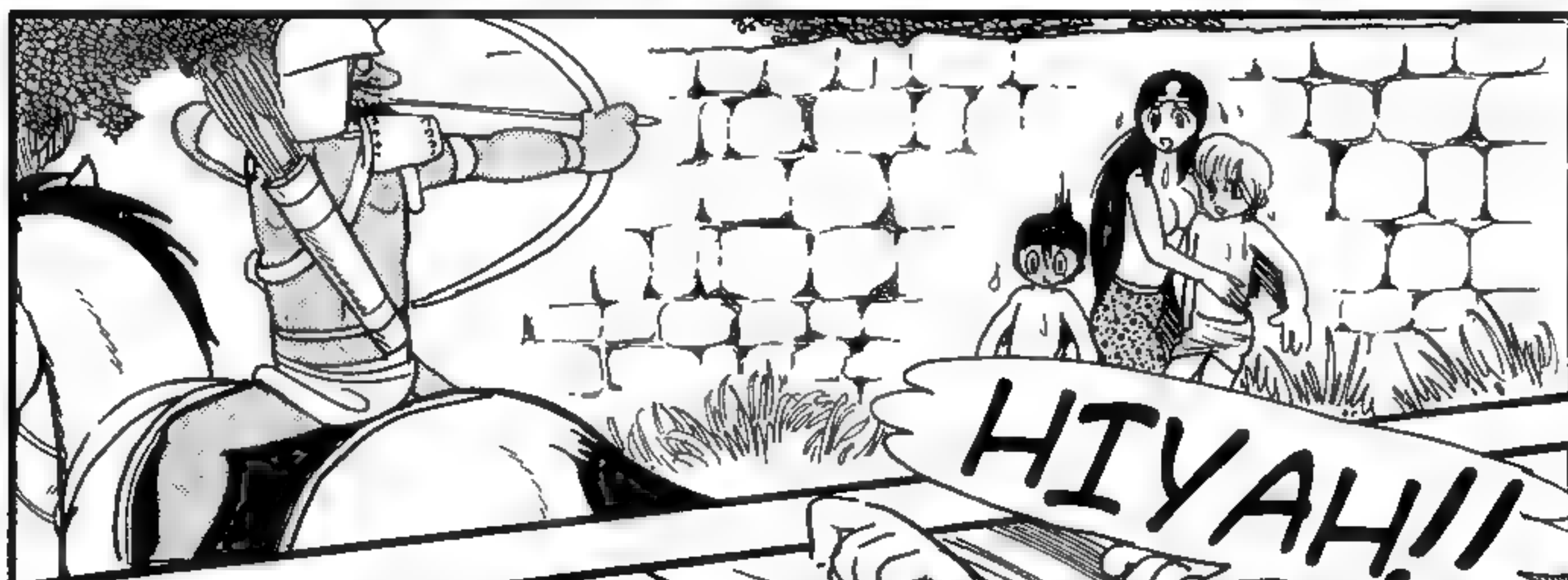
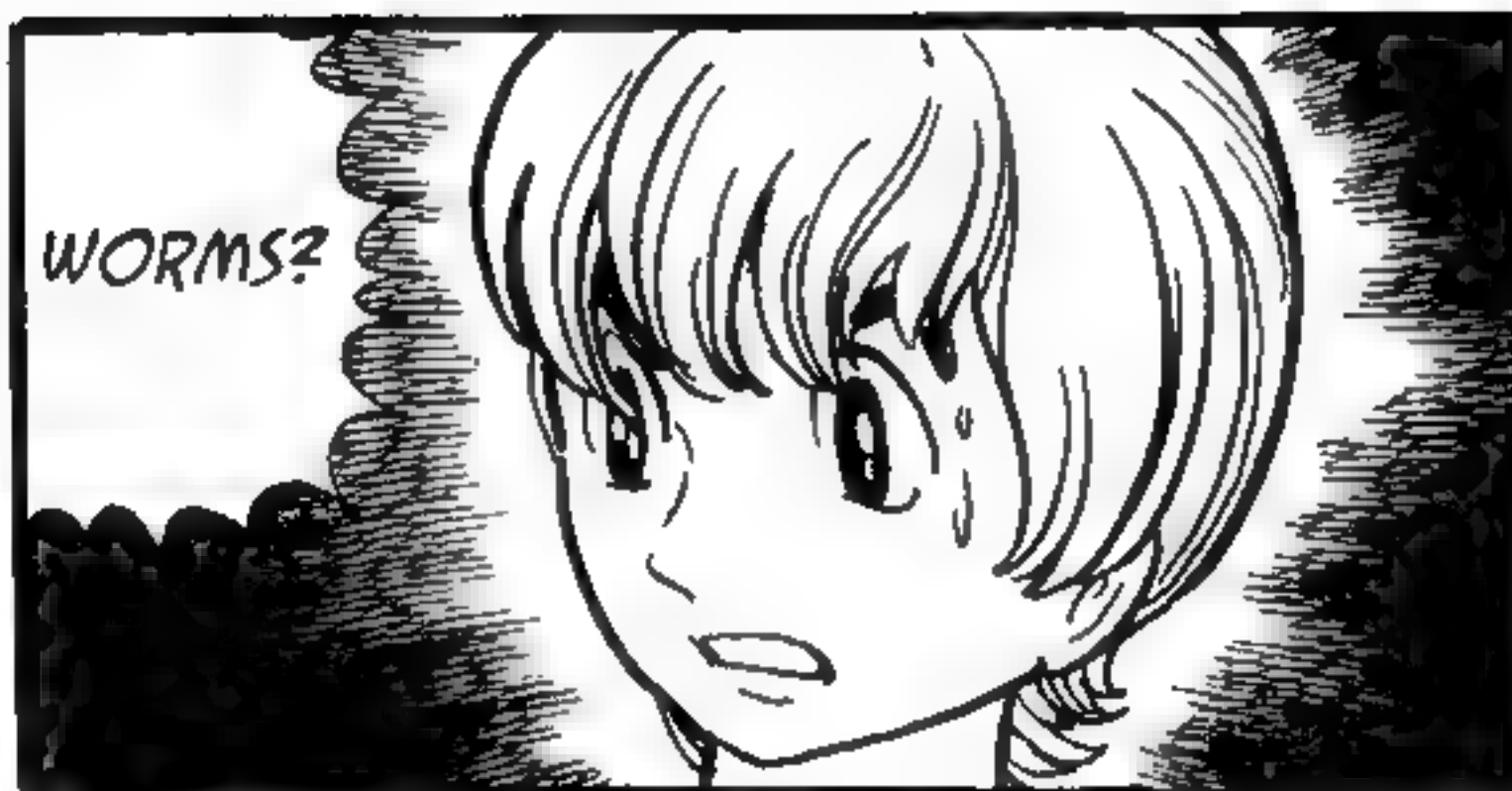












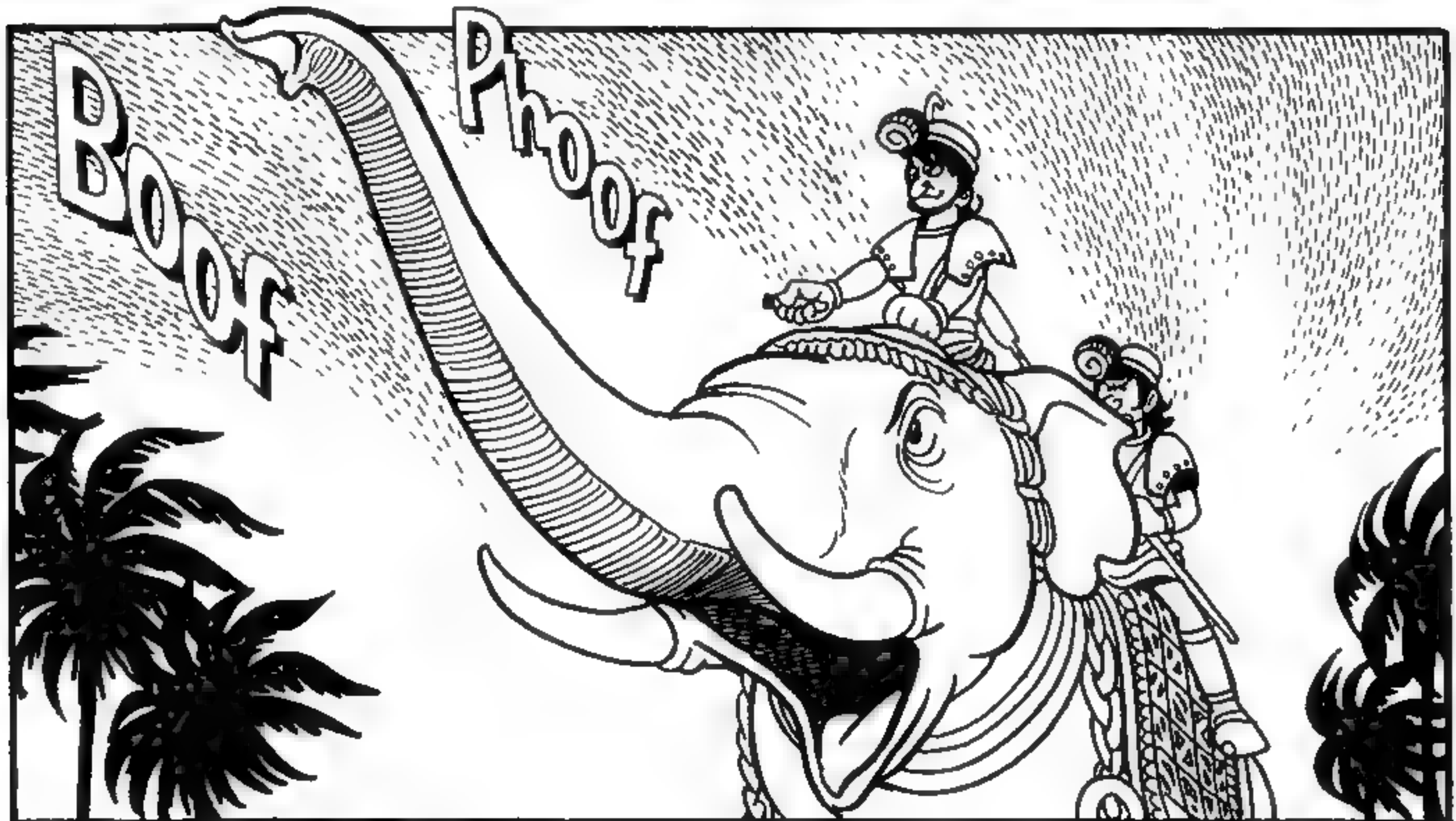
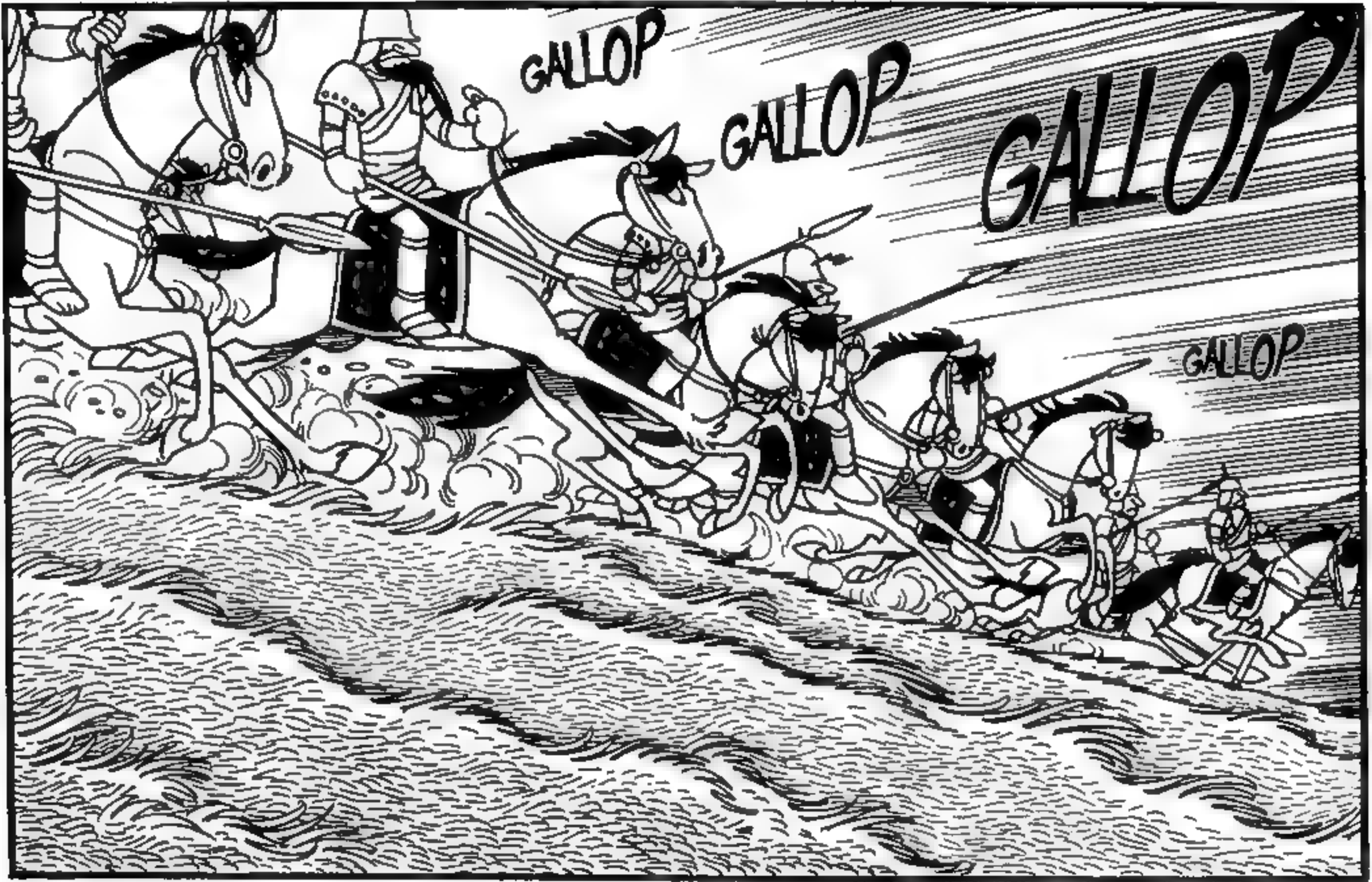


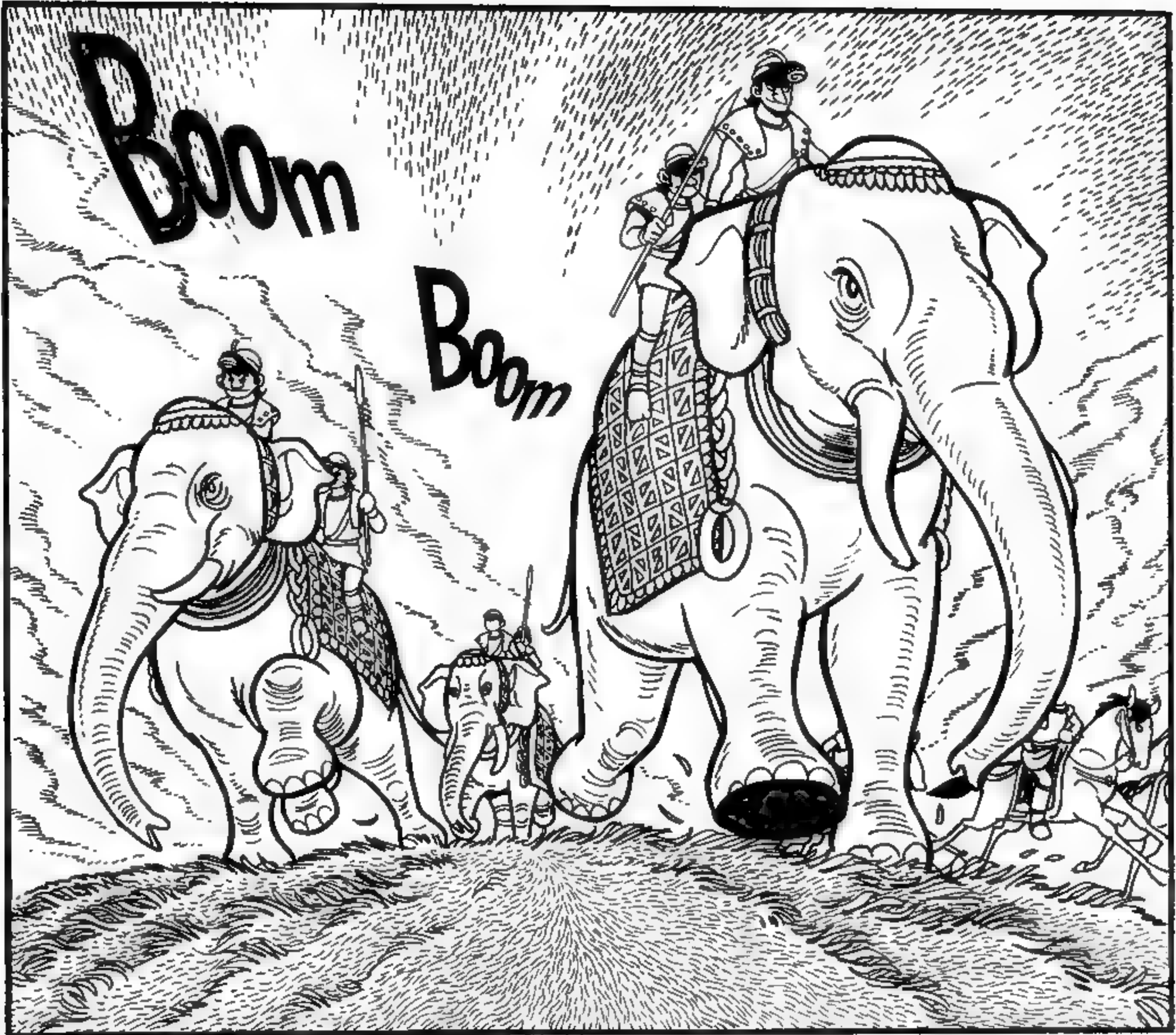
HONEY,
WH-
WHAT'VE
YOU
DONE?

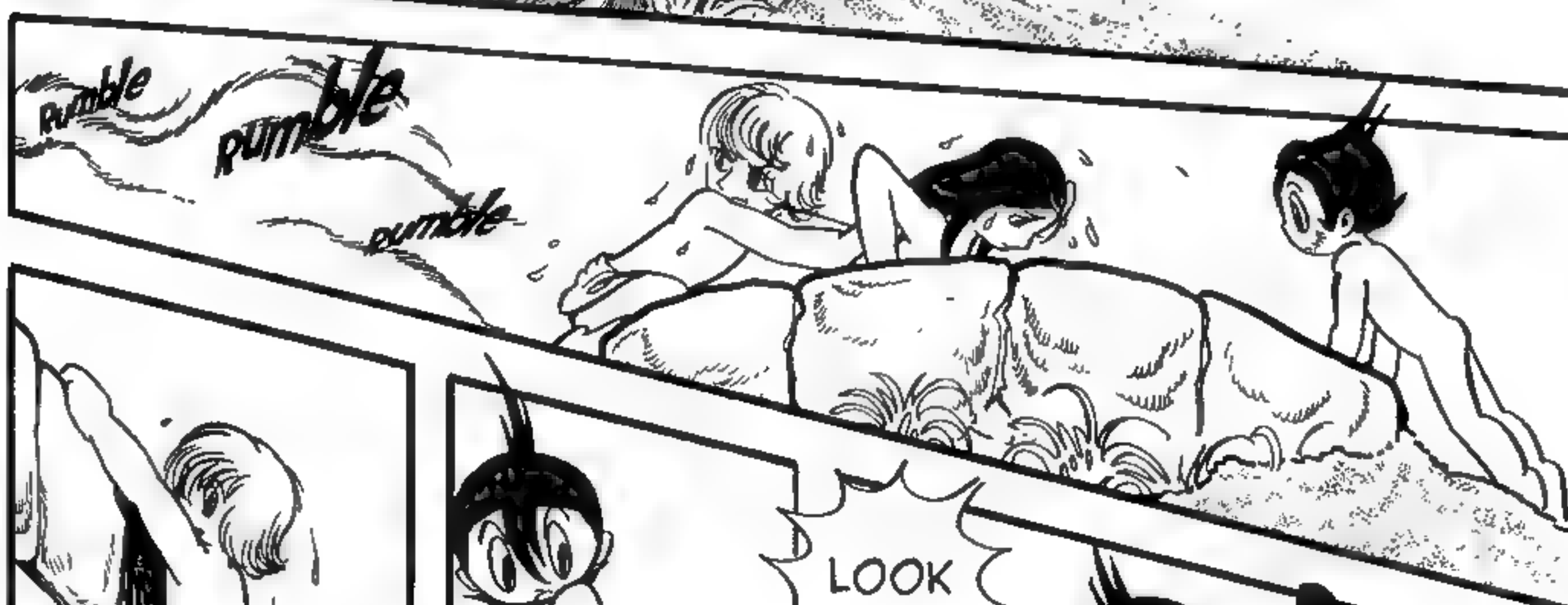
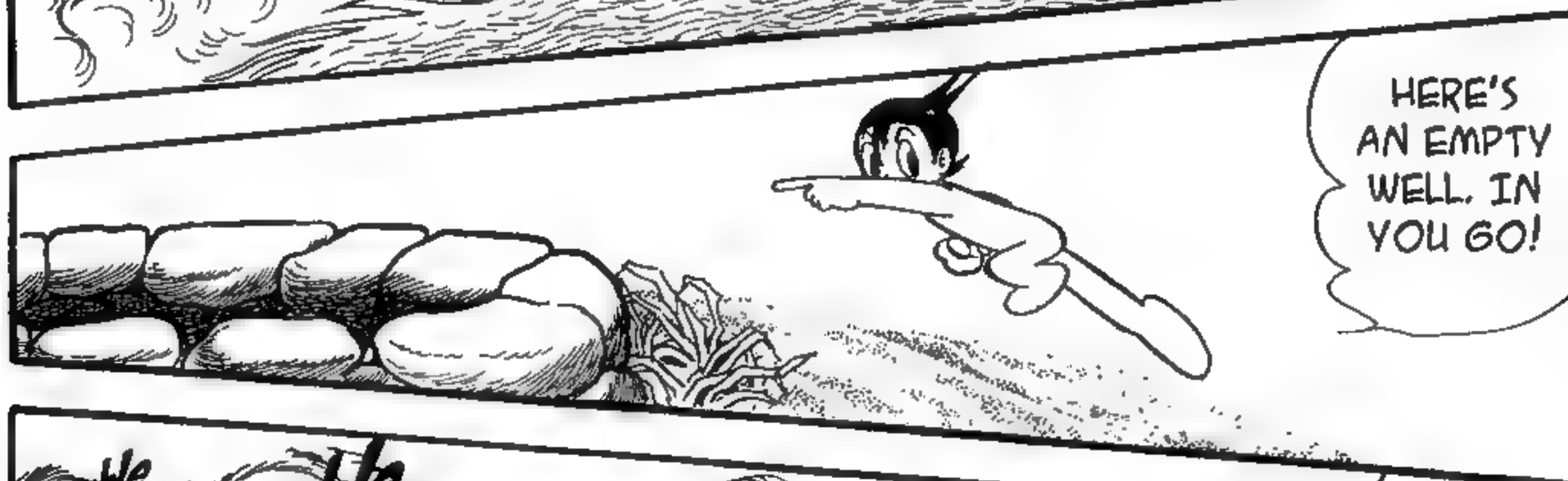
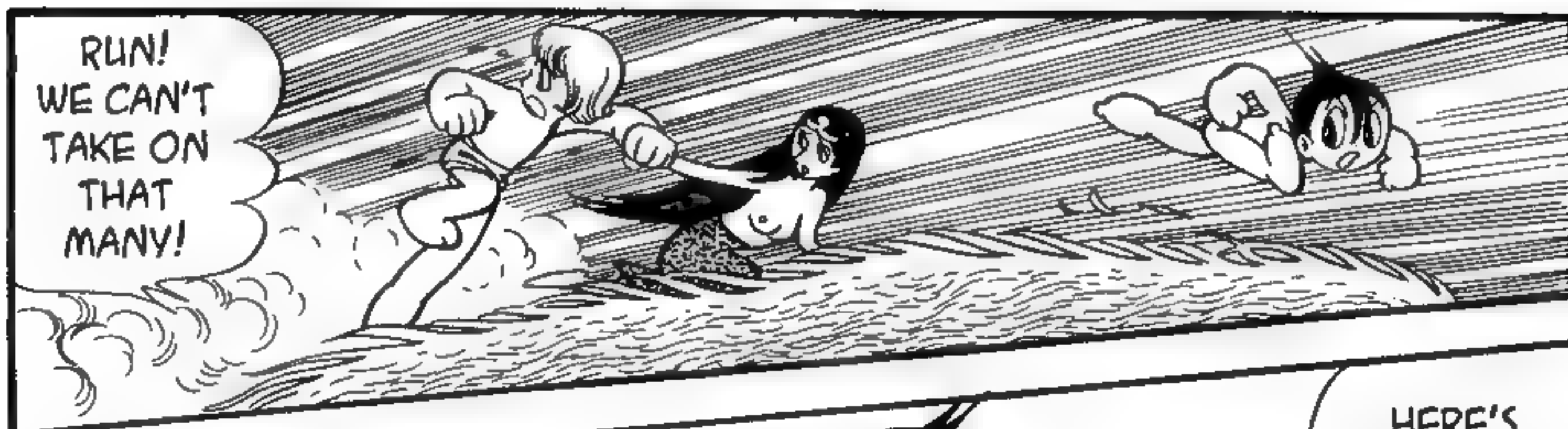
IT WAS
HIM
OR US.

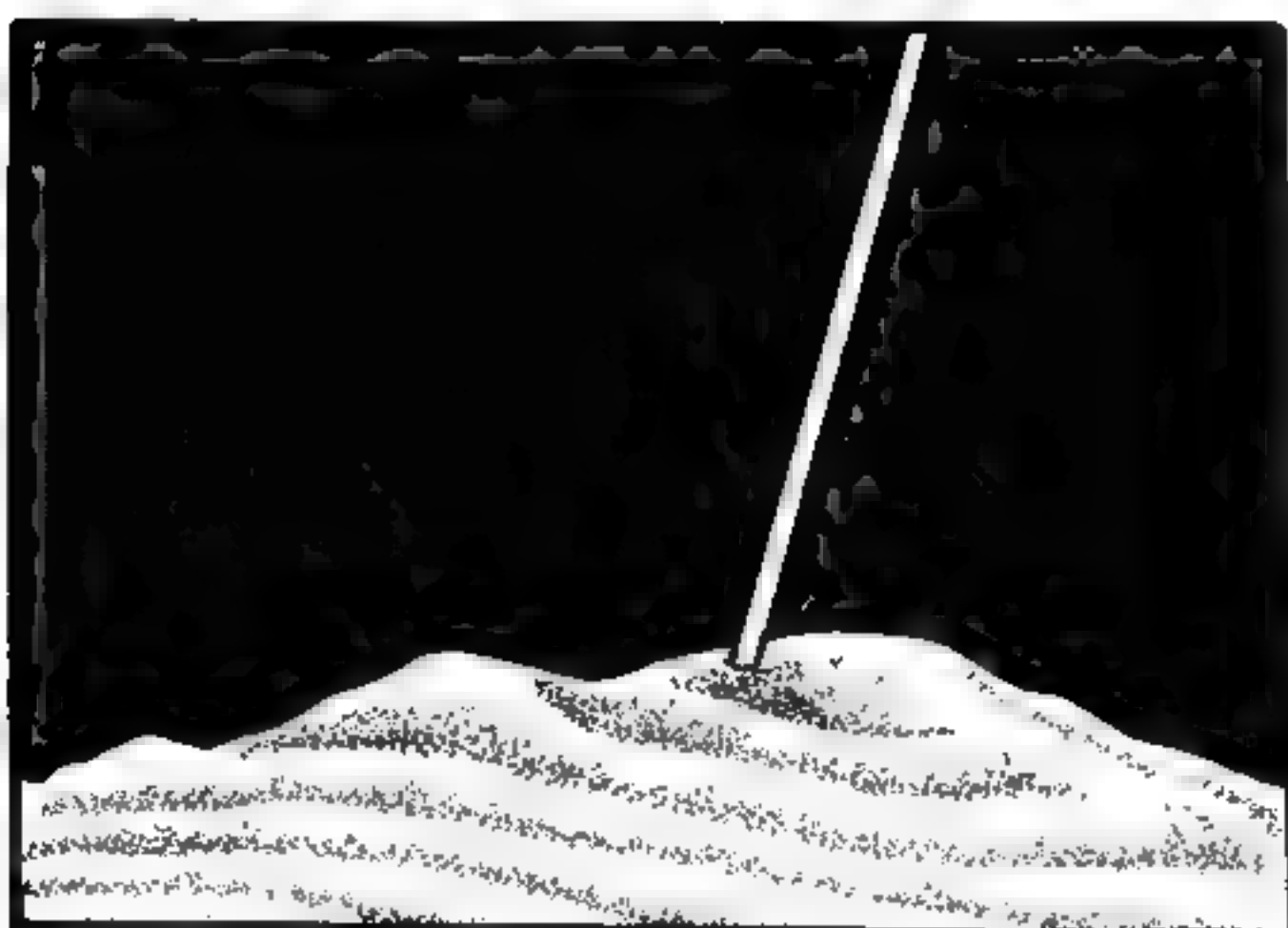
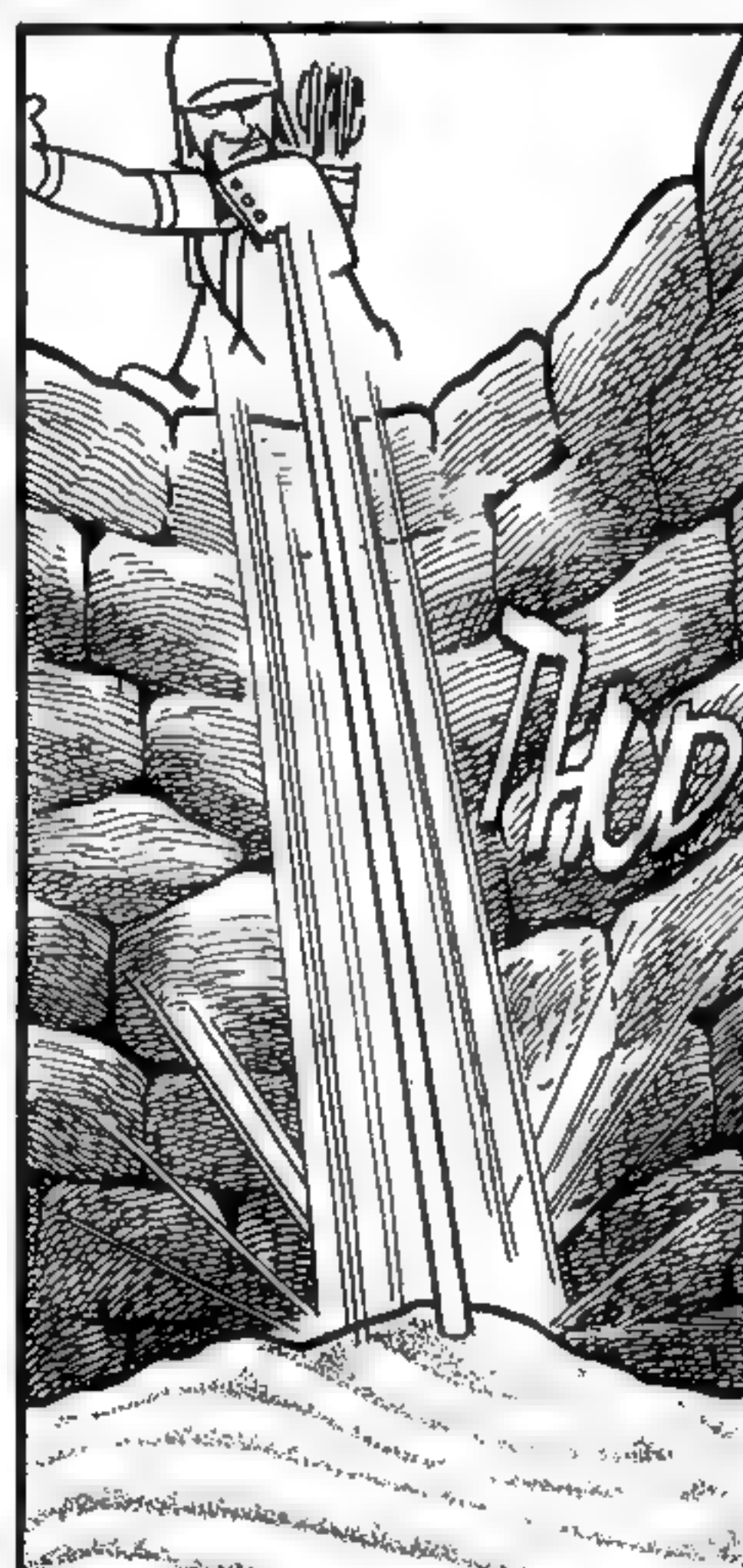
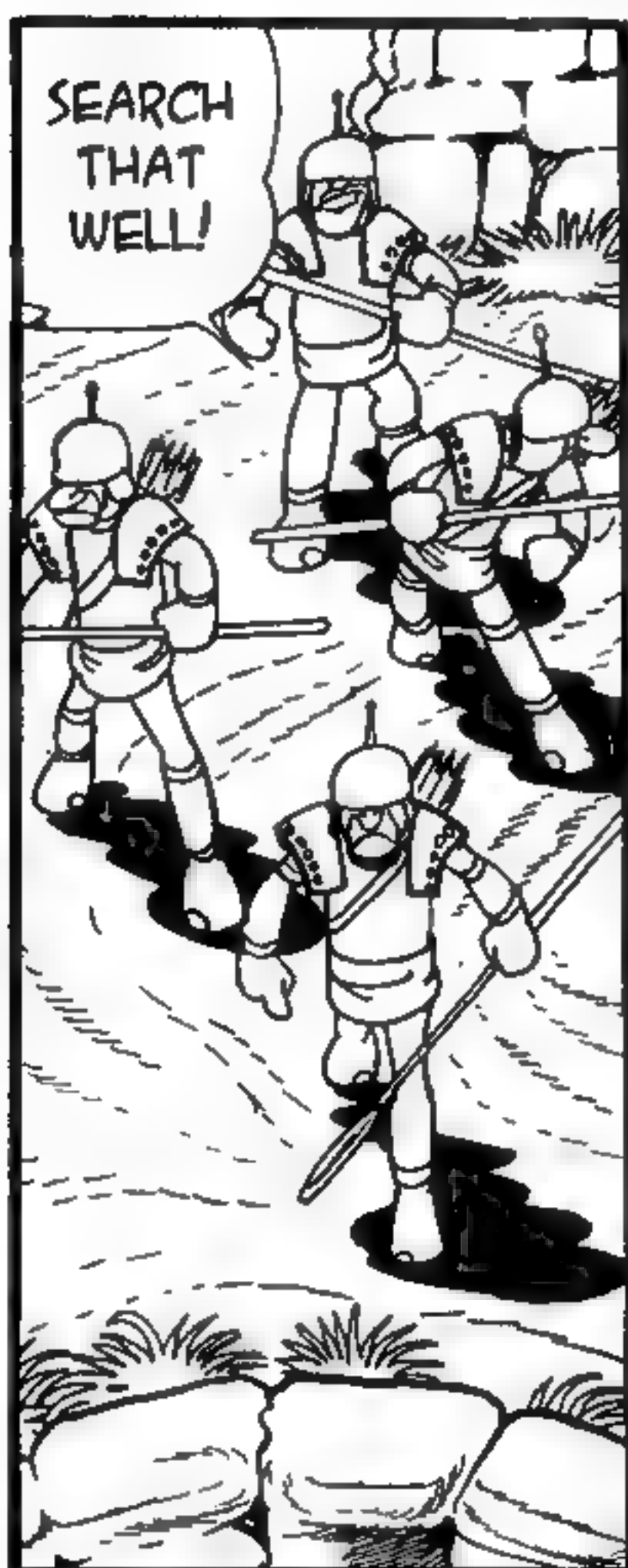
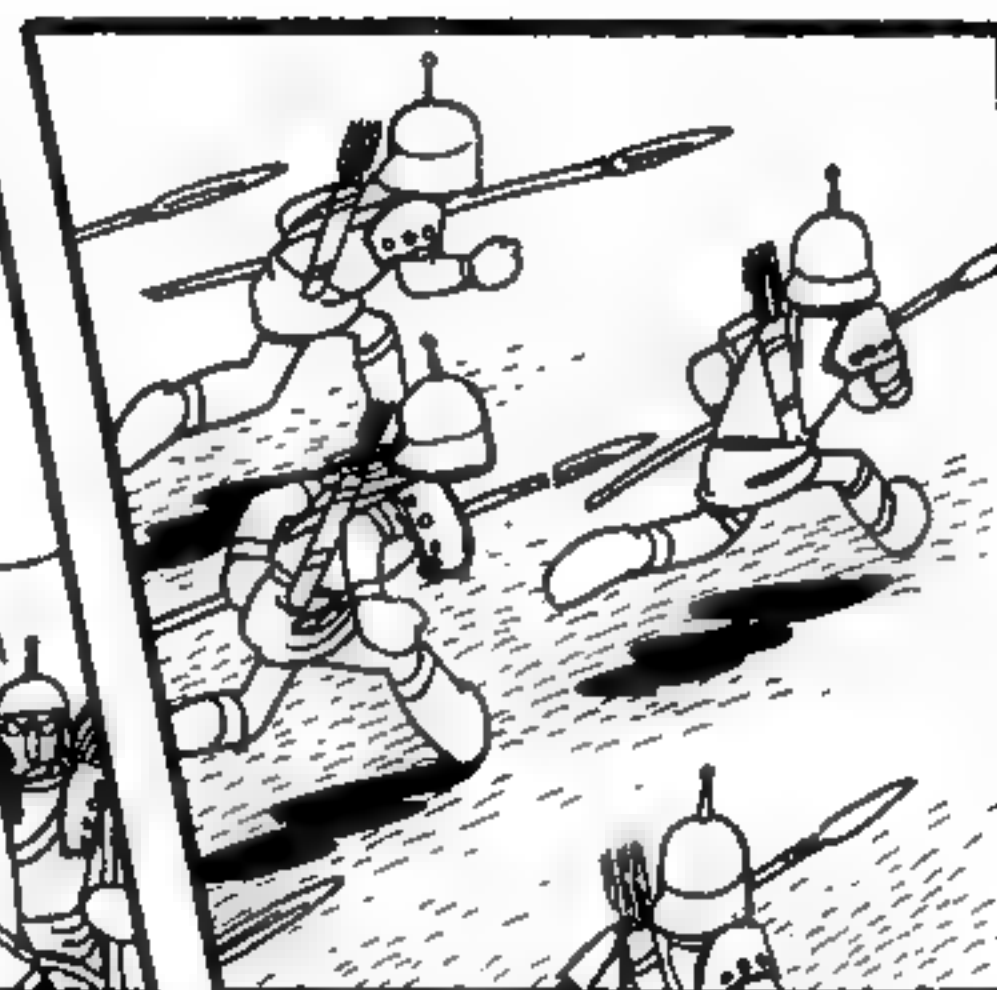
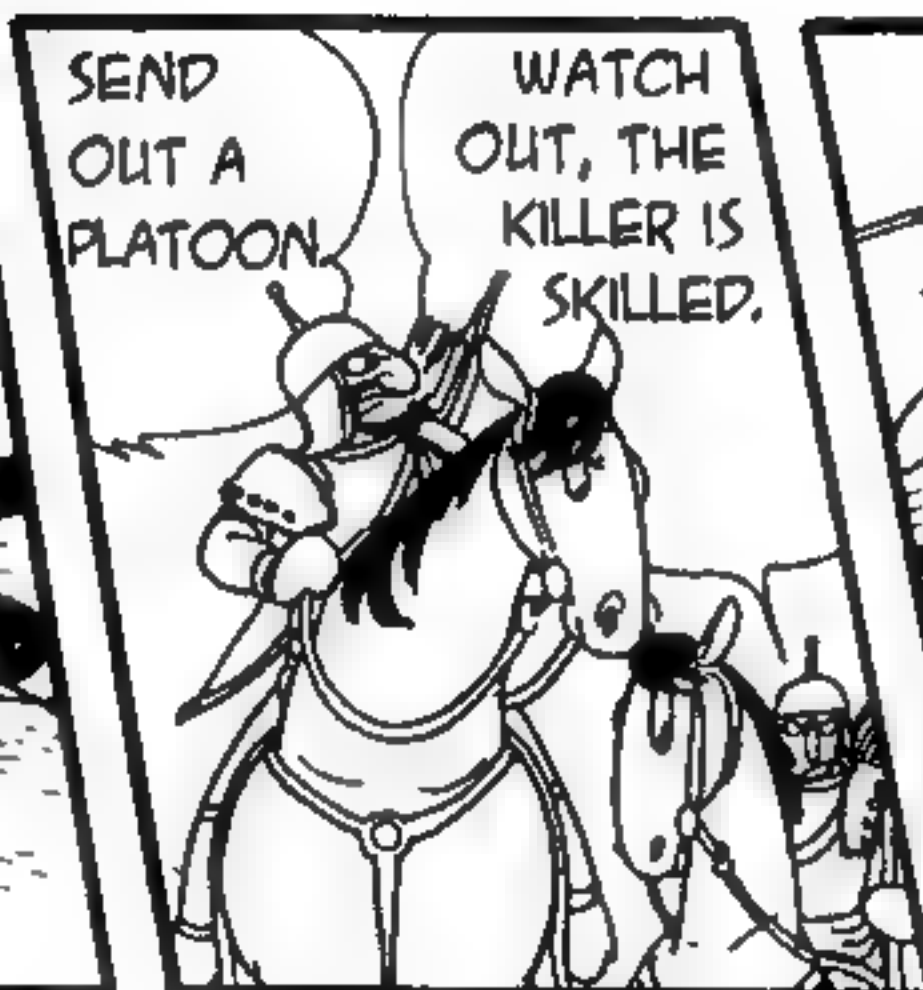
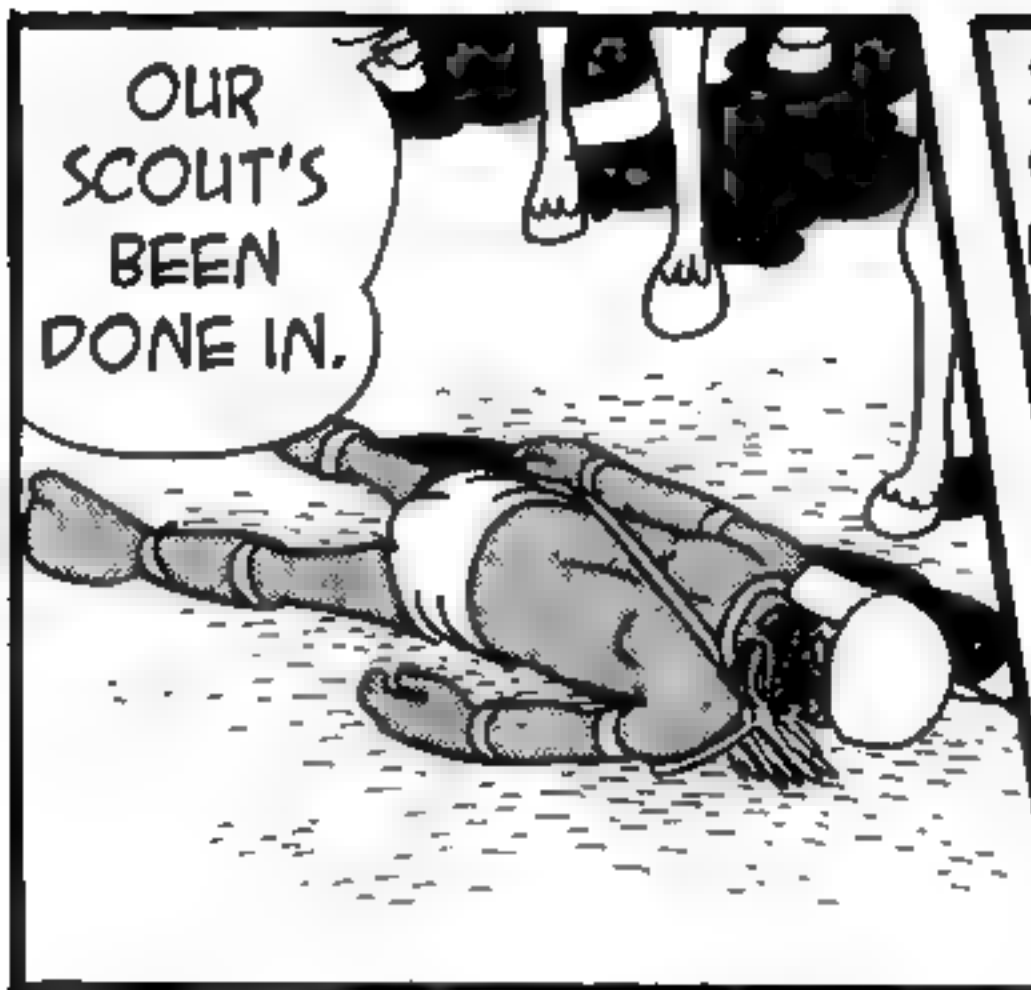


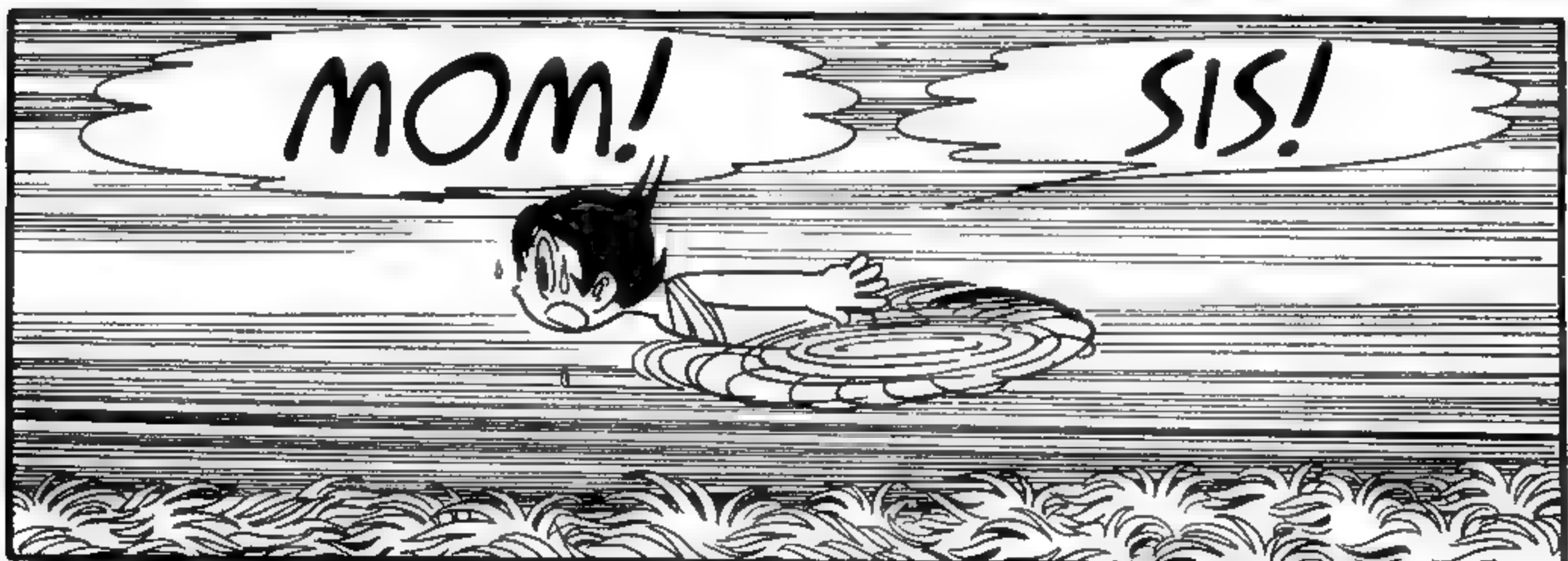
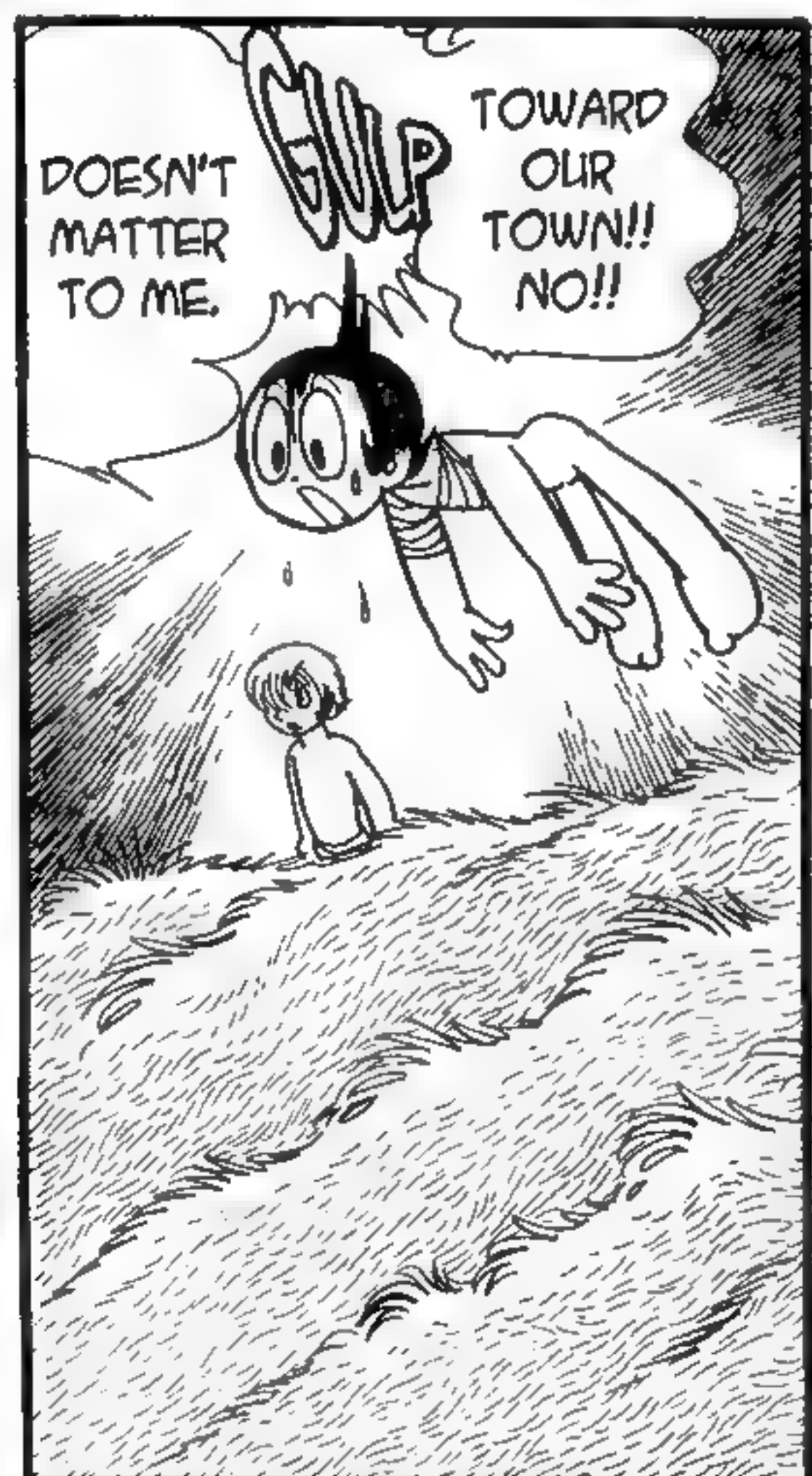
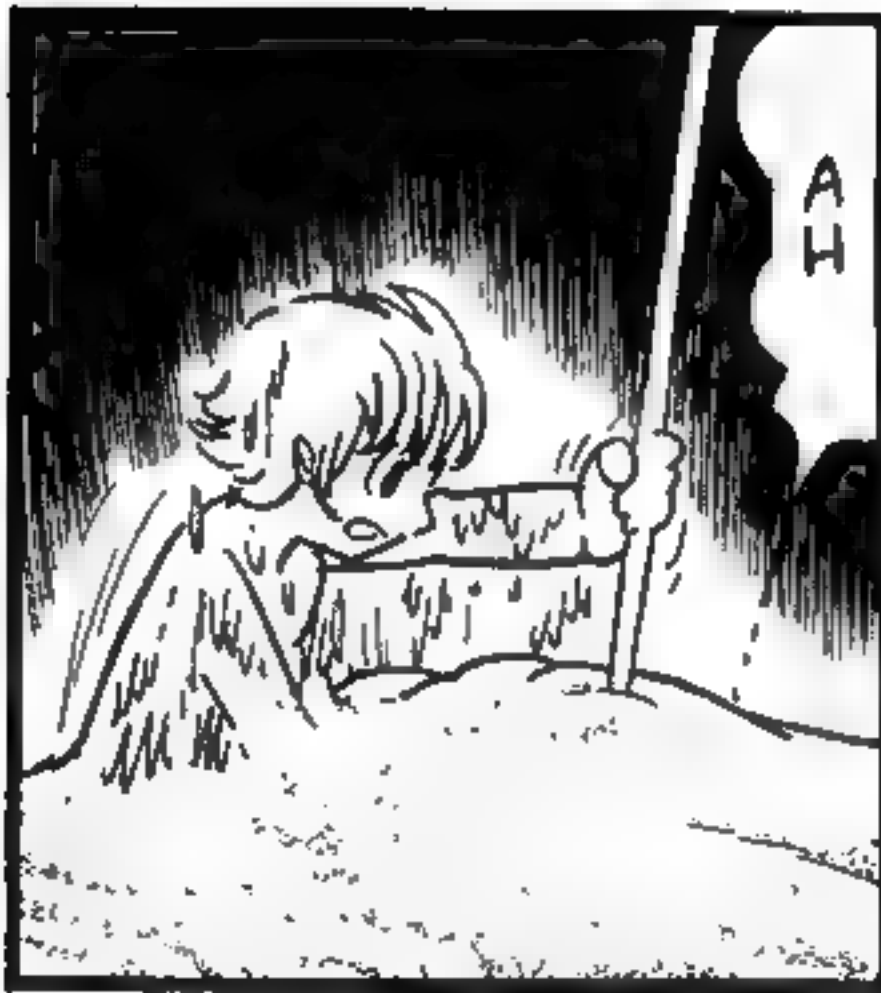
A WHOLE
ARMY!

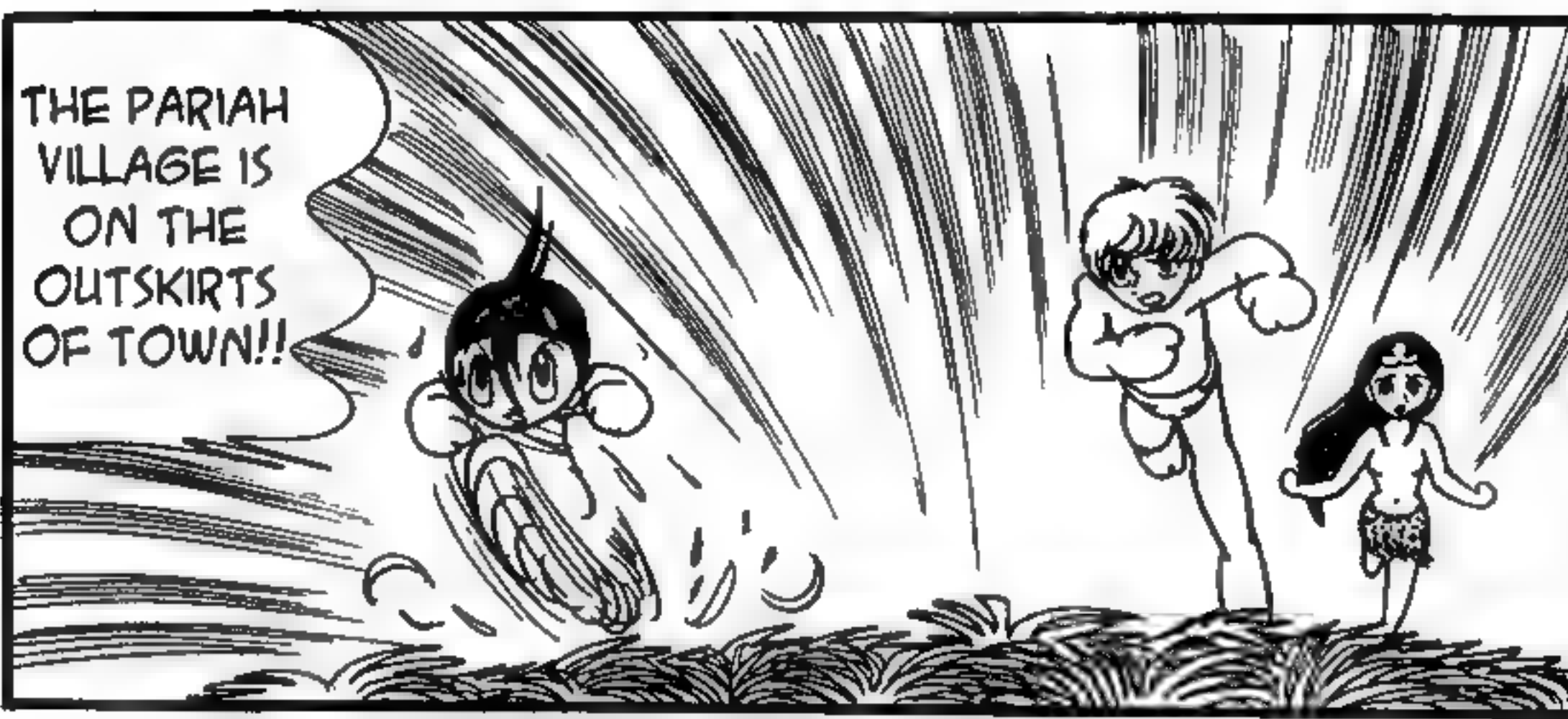








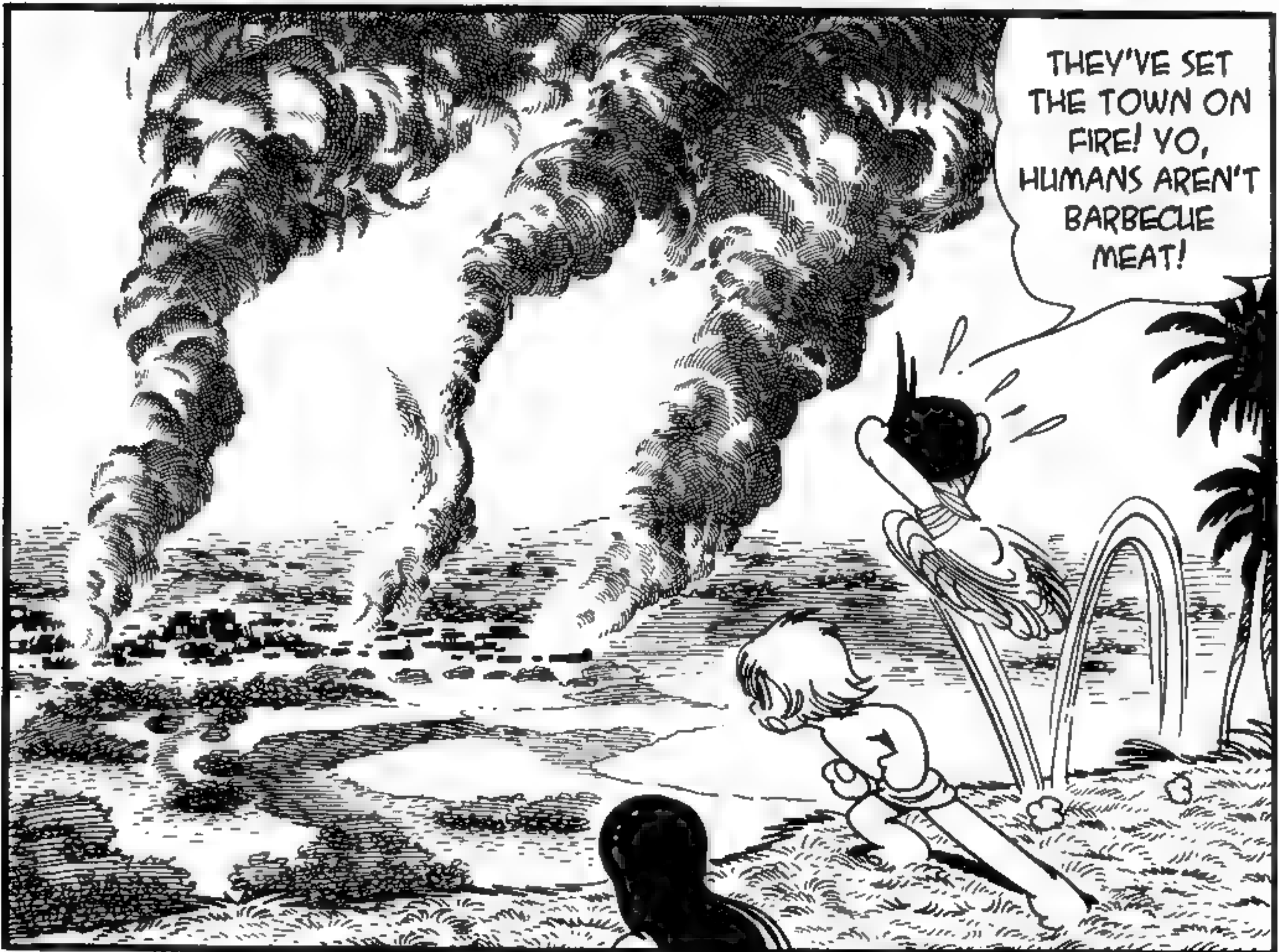




THE PARIAH
VILLAGE IS
ON THE
OUTSKIRTS
OF TOWN!!



LOOK AT
THAT
SMOKE...



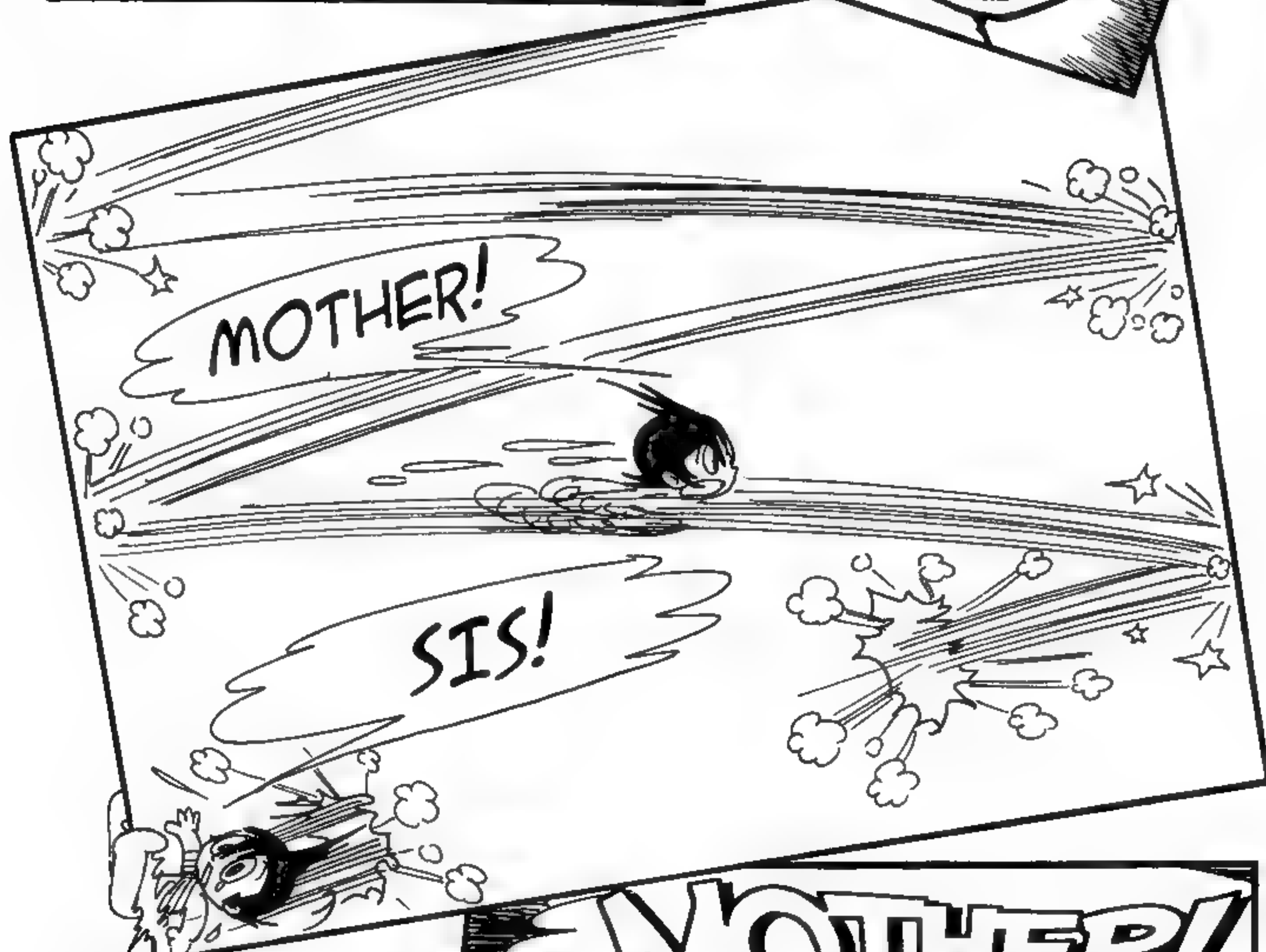
THEY'VE SET
THE TOWN ON
FIRE! YO,
HUMANS AREN'T
BARBECUE
MEAT!



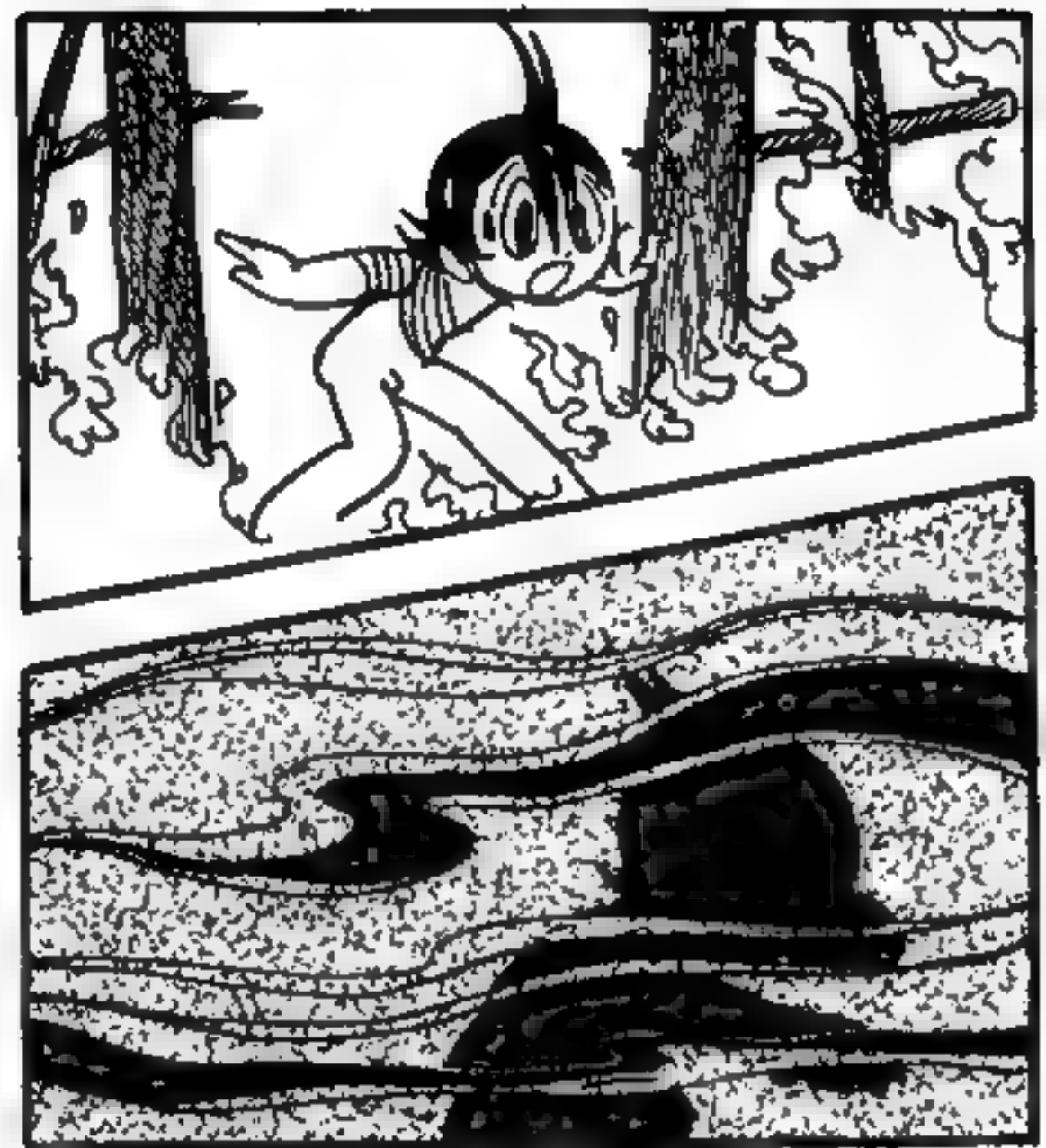
HEY!!
EVERYONE
OK?

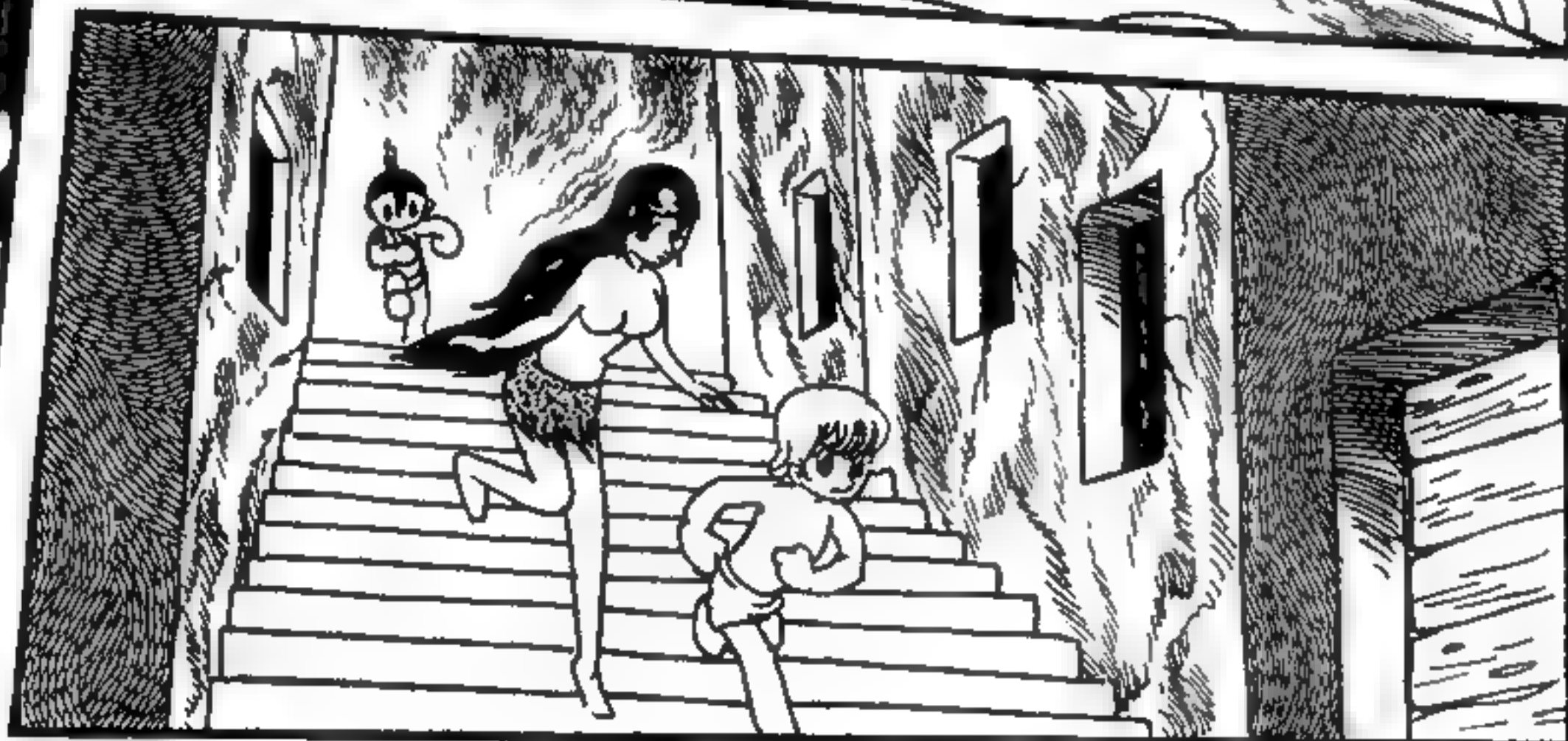
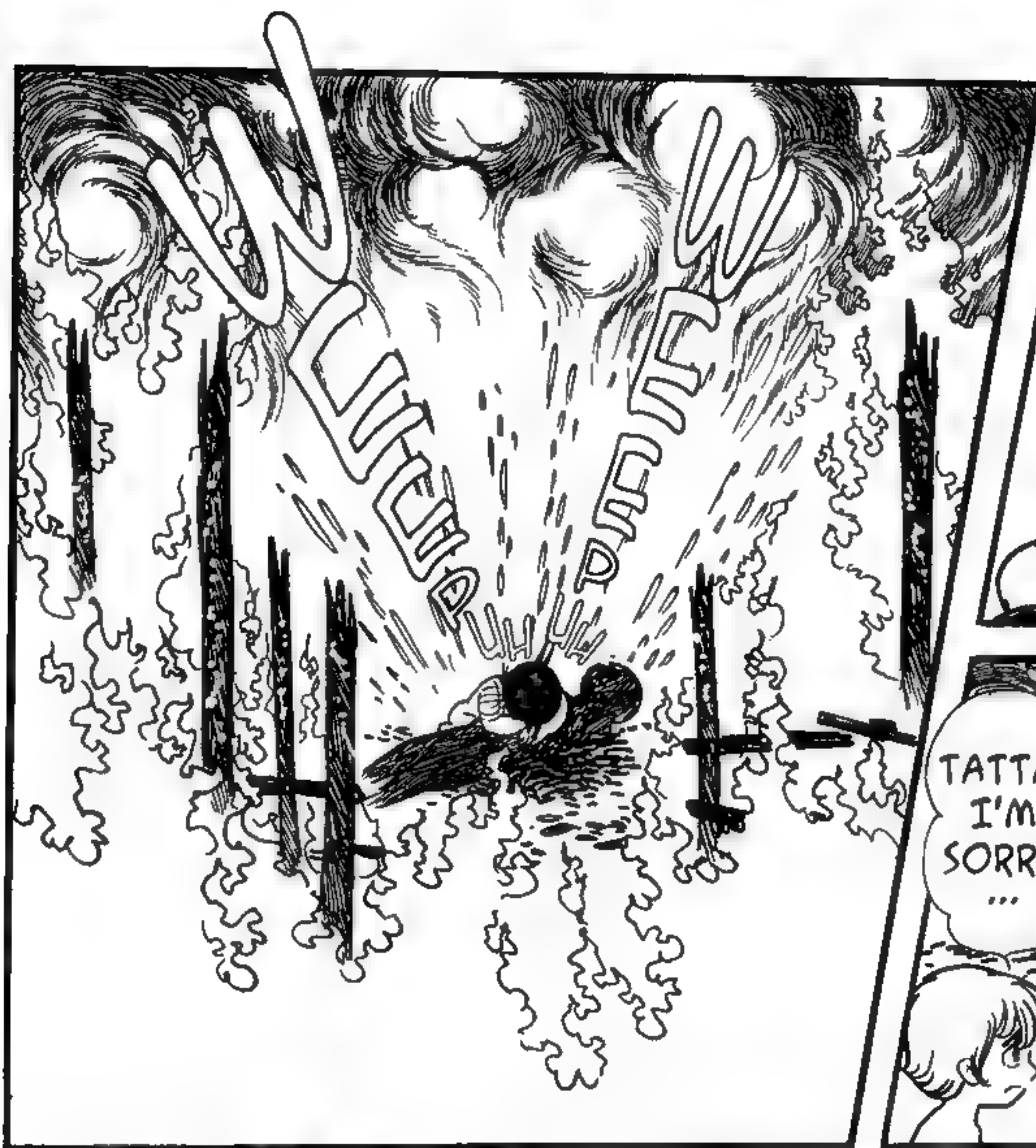
TATTA,
IT'S
HORRIBLE...

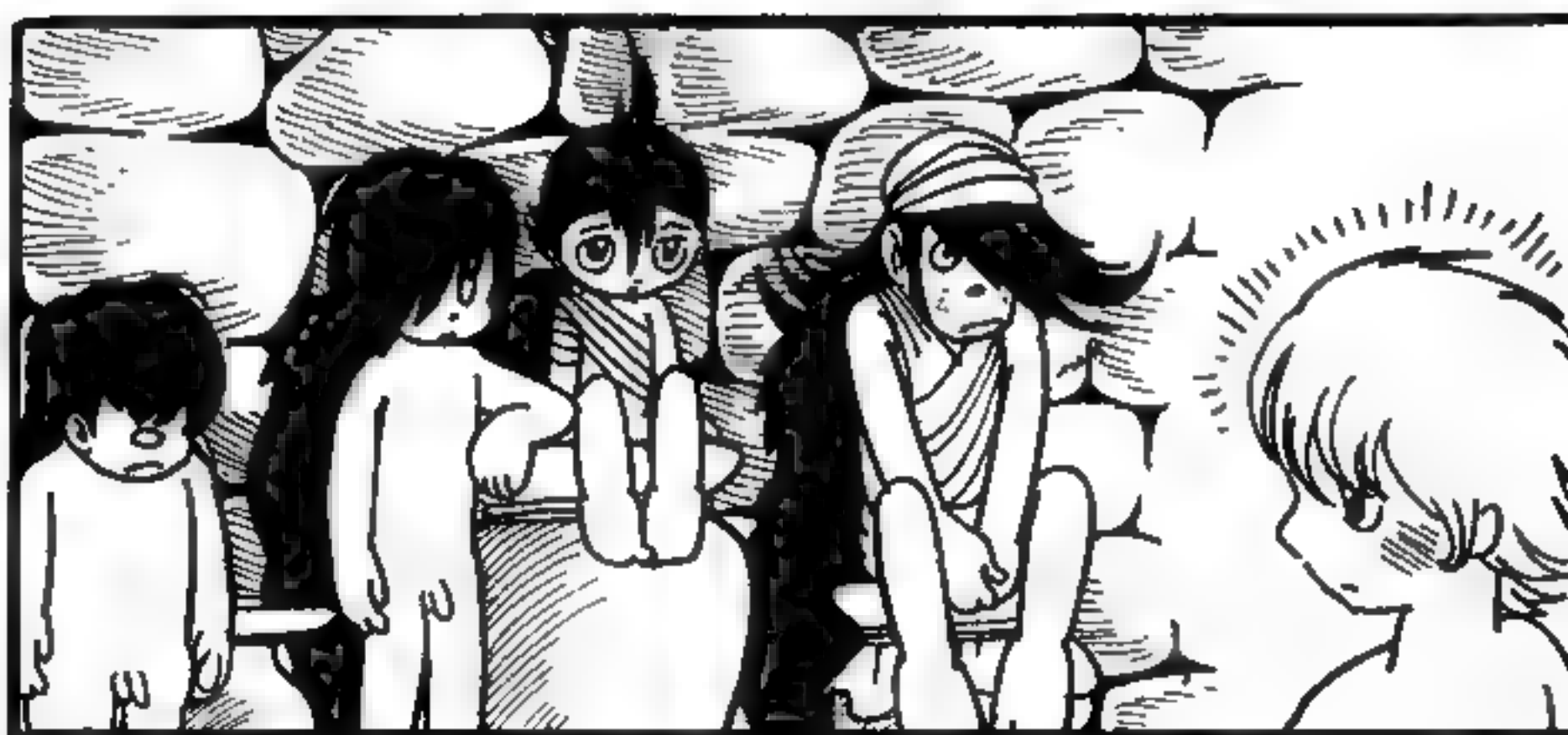
THEY USED
FLAMING
ARROWS.
M-MOST
EVERYBODY'S
DEAD.

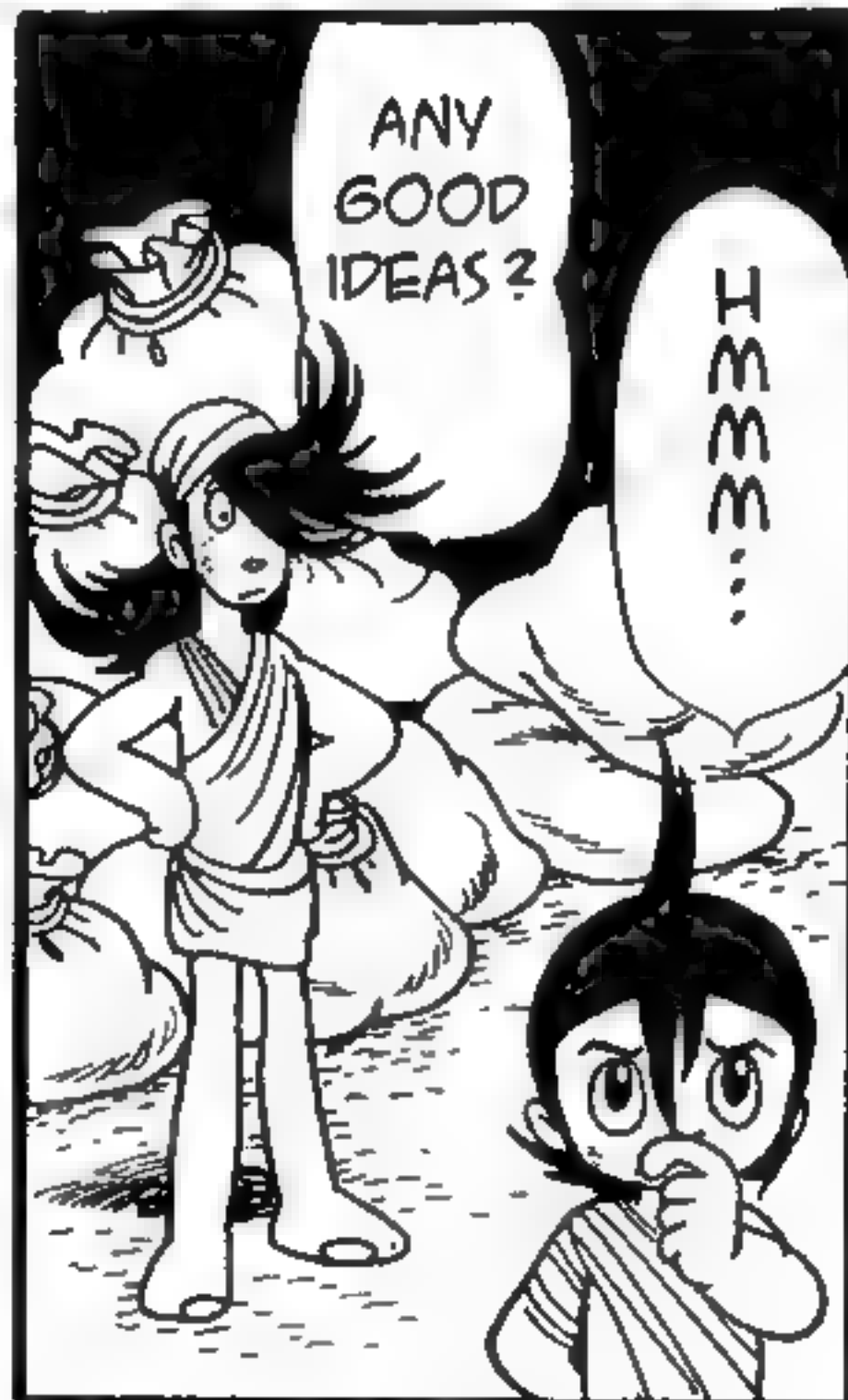
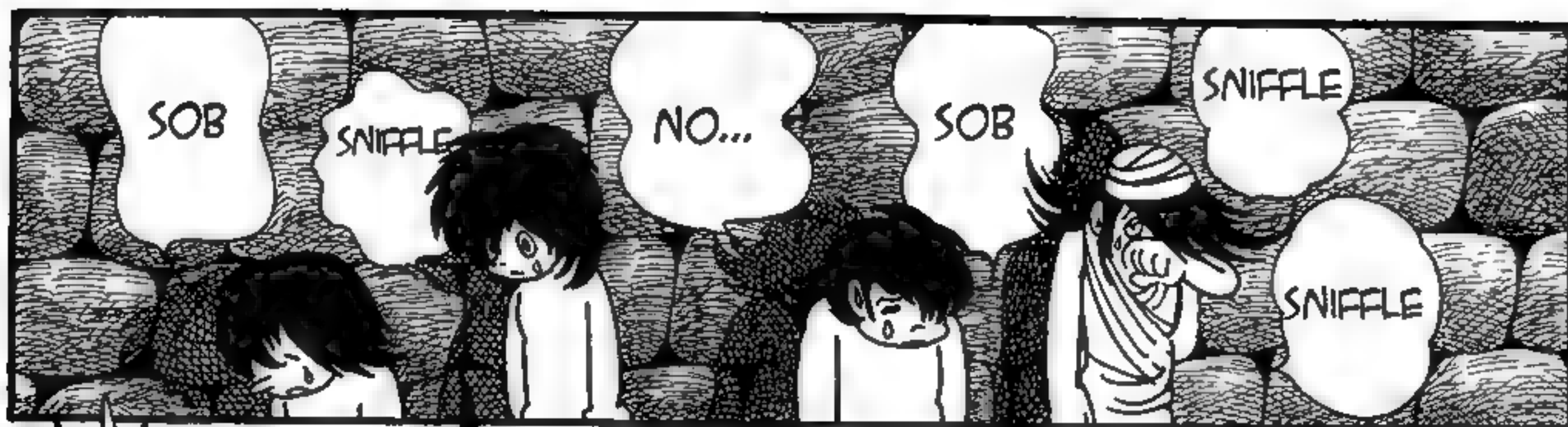


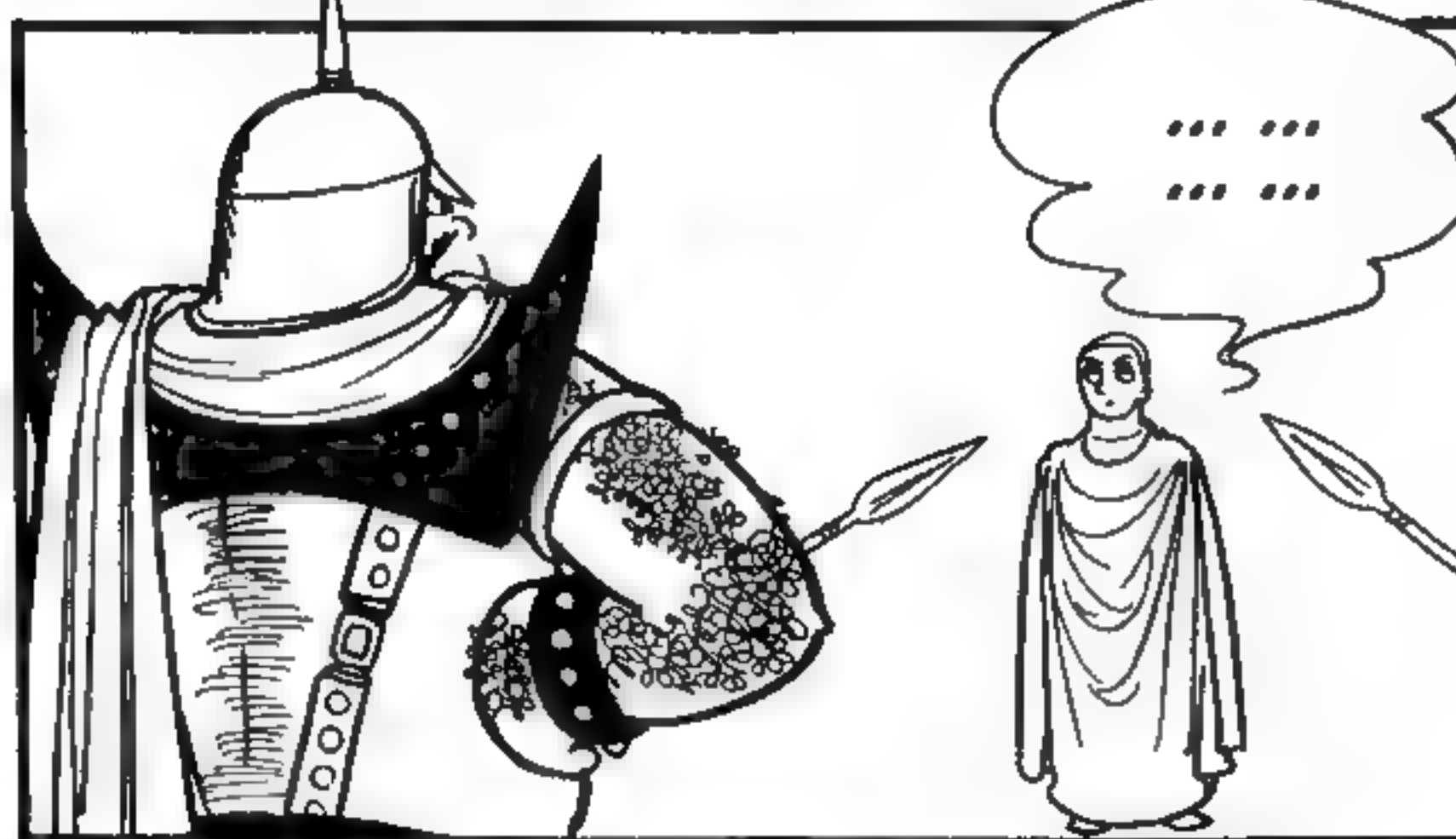
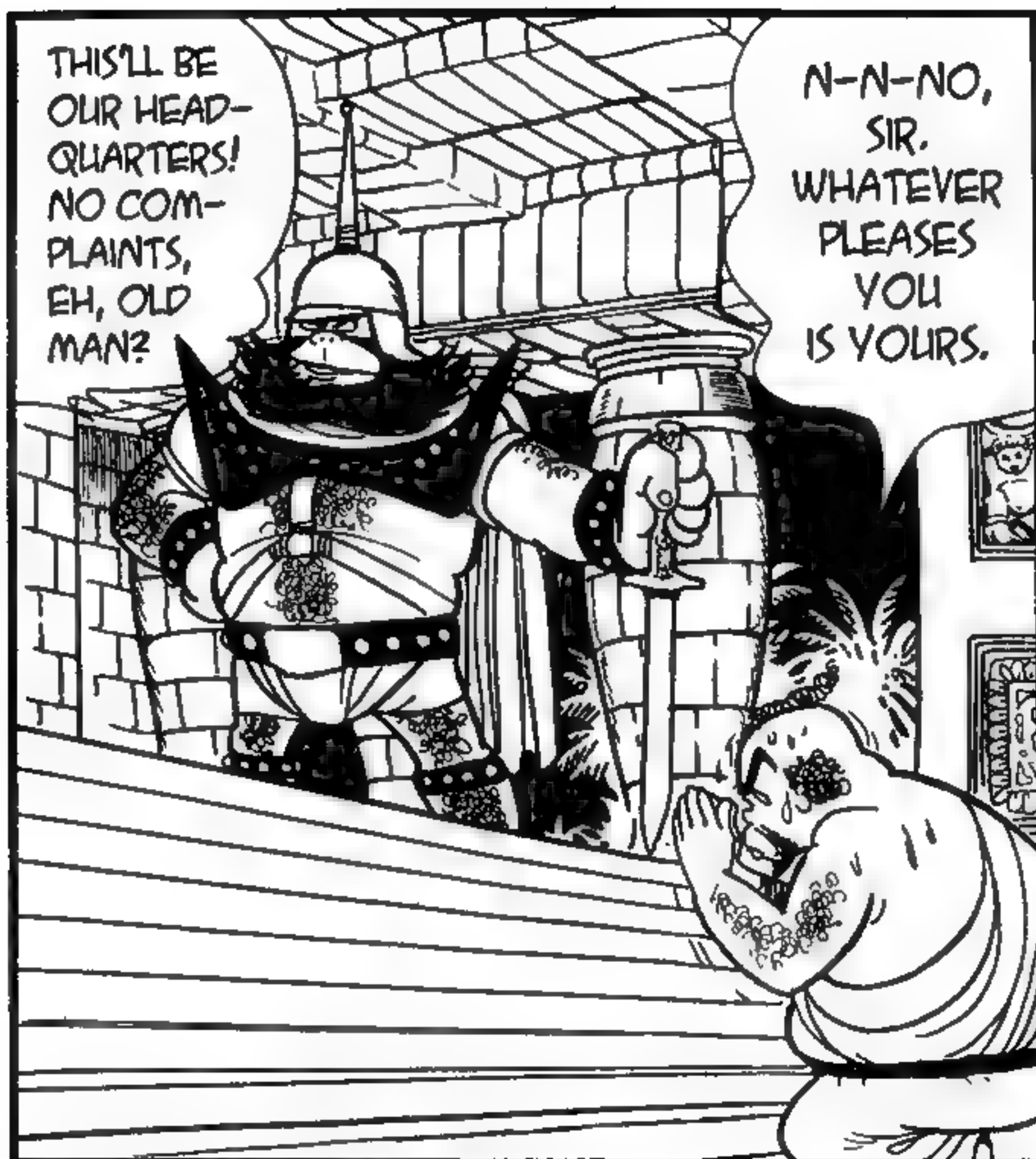


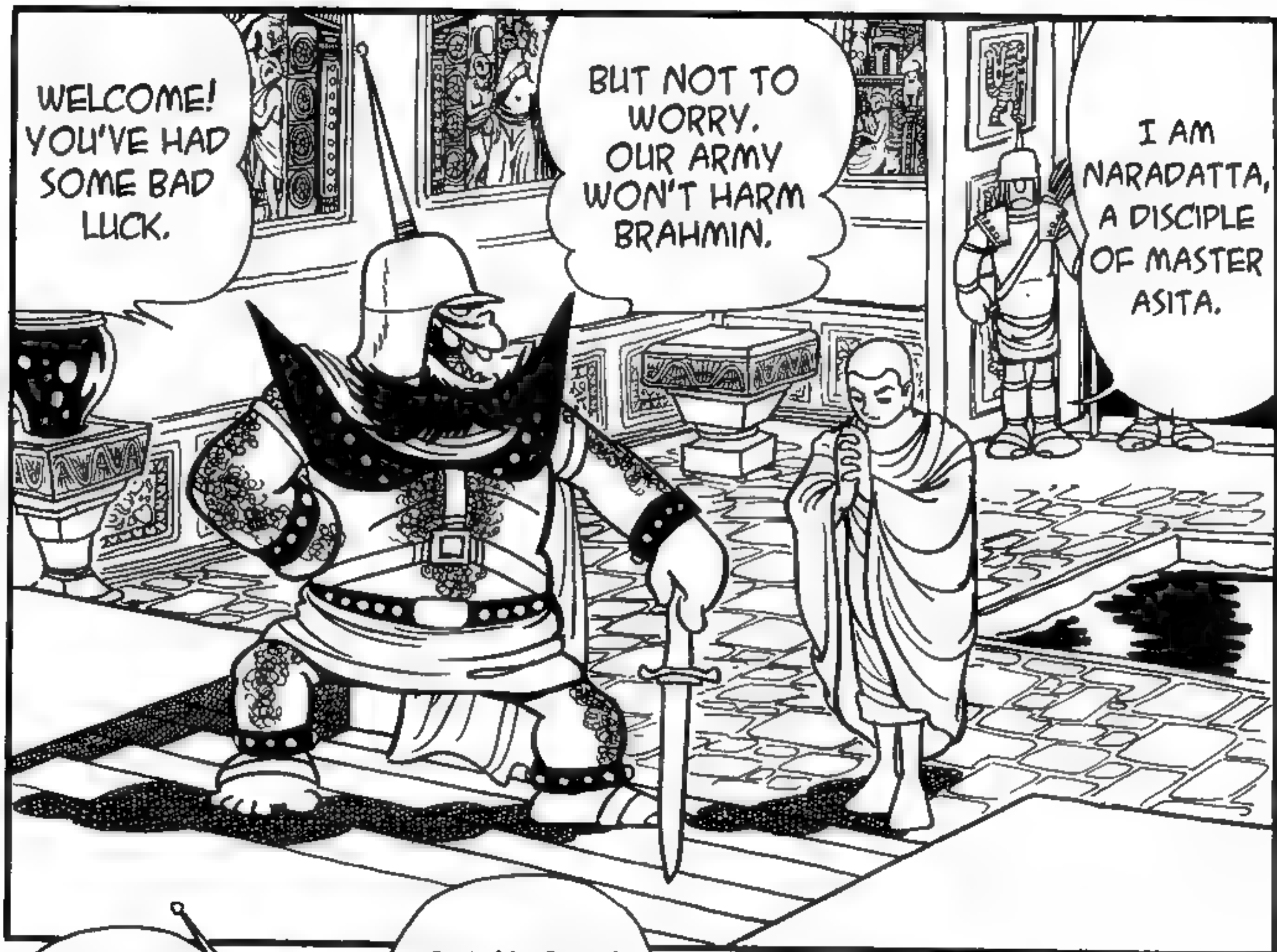


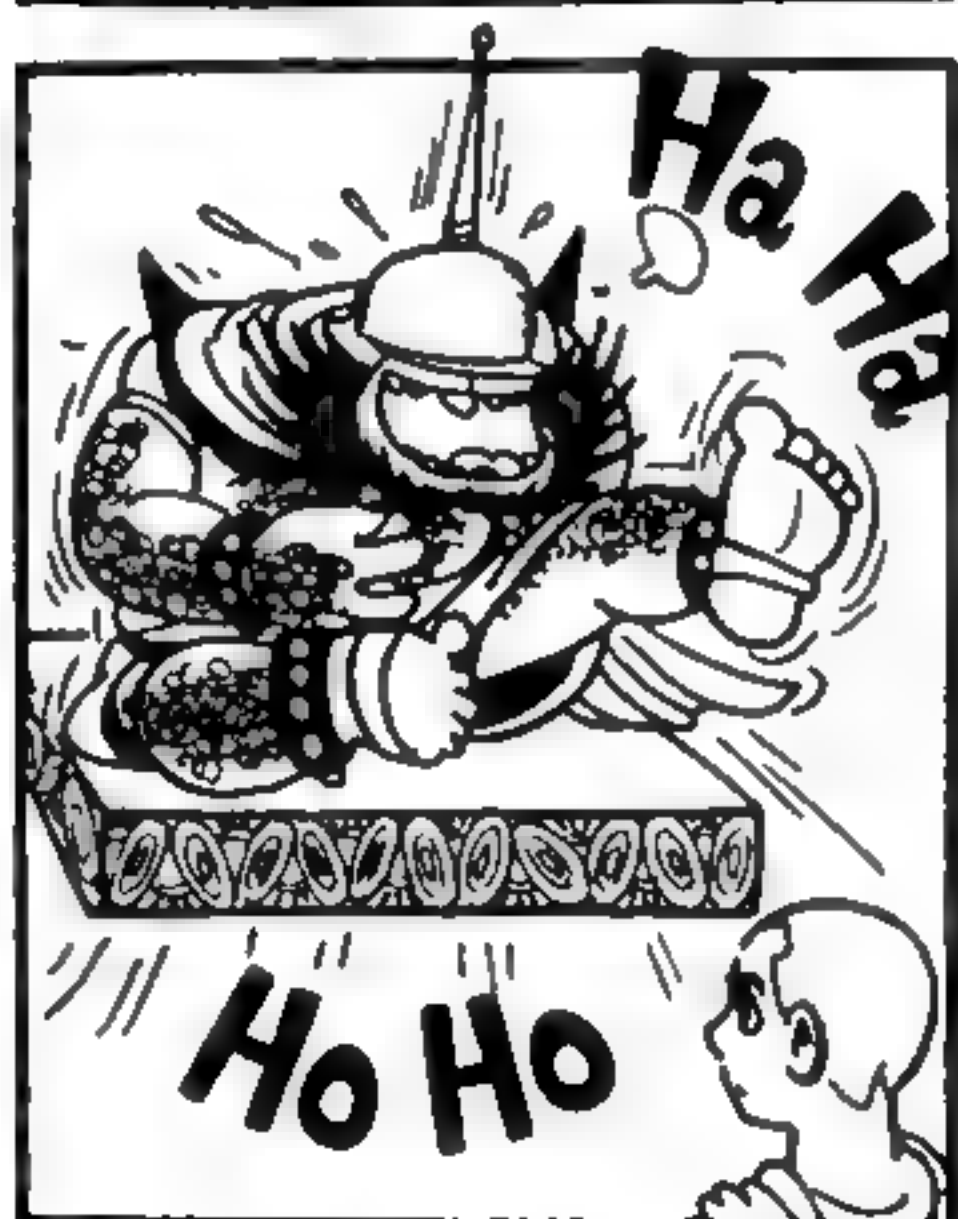
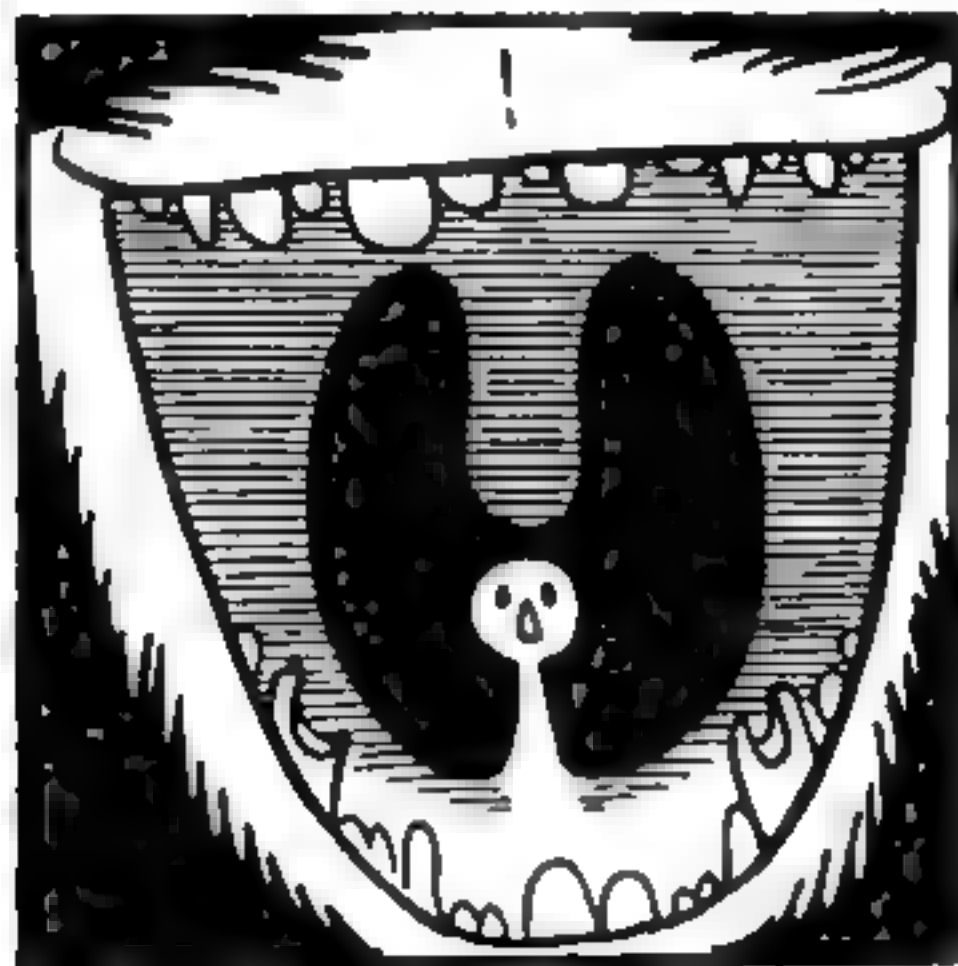
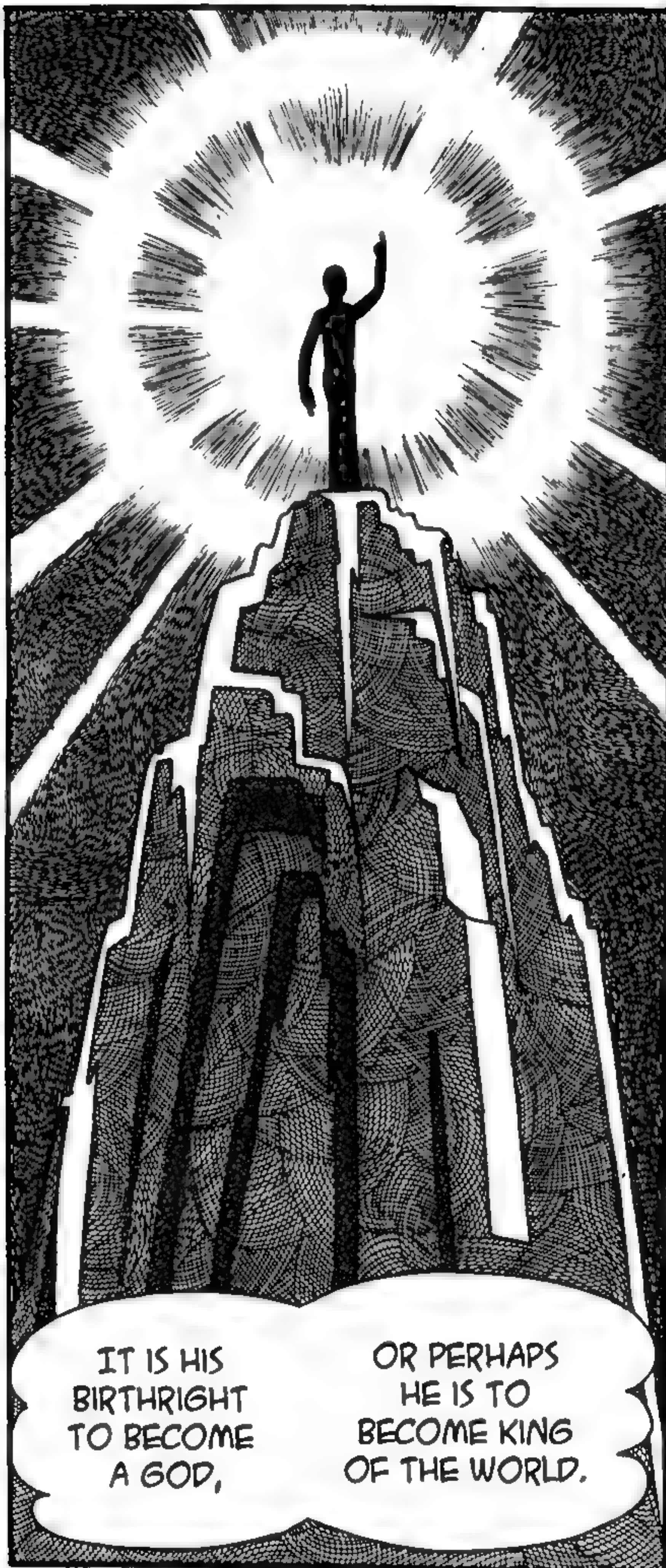














THE GREATEST
RULER IN THE
WORLD IS
KOSALA'S
KING. YOU SAY
THERE'S ONE
GREATER?

HA!

THAT'S A
BAD JOKE,
BRAHMIN!



IMPOSSIBLE!



IN ANY CASE,
THIS PERSON
WILL APPEAR
NEAR HERE.

BY ATTACKING
THIS LAND, YOU
DRAW YOUR
SWORD
AGAINST HIM.

YOU MUST
PULL BACK,
GENERAL!



I'M A
SOLDIER
LOYAL TO
MY KING
AND WE
ARE ON
THE
WARPATH!

PULLING
BACK
WOULD
MEAN...



RETREAT!

DEFEAT?
RETREAT?

OUR AIM IS
TO BRING
DOWN THE
KAPILAVASTU
CASTLE!!
AND FOR THE
SHAKYA PEOPLE
TO KNEEL
DOWN BEFORE
OUR KING!!

WE'VE
ALREADY
CRUSHED
22 TOWNS
TO GET
HERE!

LOOK.
FROM
HERE, THE
CASTLE
IS A MERE
HOP, SKIP
AND
A JUMP.

TO
RETREAT
NOW ...

NO
GOOD
CAN
COME
OF THESE
ACTIONS.

YOU
THREATEN
ME?

EVEN
IF THE
GREAT
MAN
LIVES
IN THIS
TOWN
...

TOMORROW
MORNING,
ALONG
WITH THE
OTHERS...



THE DEATH
SENTENCE
HAS BEEN
DECLARED
FOR ALL!

NO ONE
WILL BE
SPARED!

DON'T BE
SUCH A
DULLARD.
NOW JOIN
ME FOR
A DRINK.

PREPARE
TO KILL THE
SURVIVORS IN
GROUPS OF
TEN IN
THE TOWN
SQUARE.

N-N-
NOTHING.

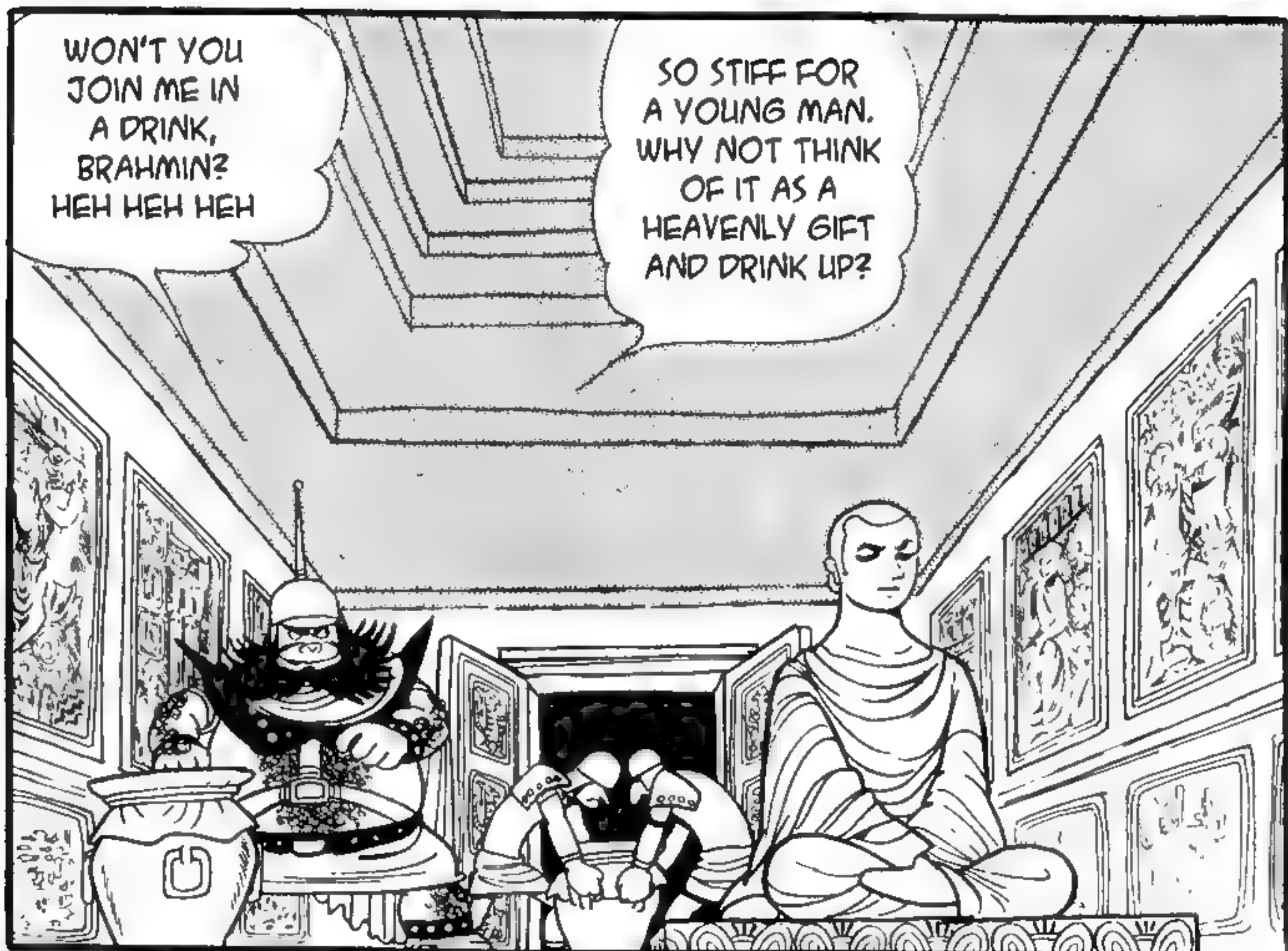
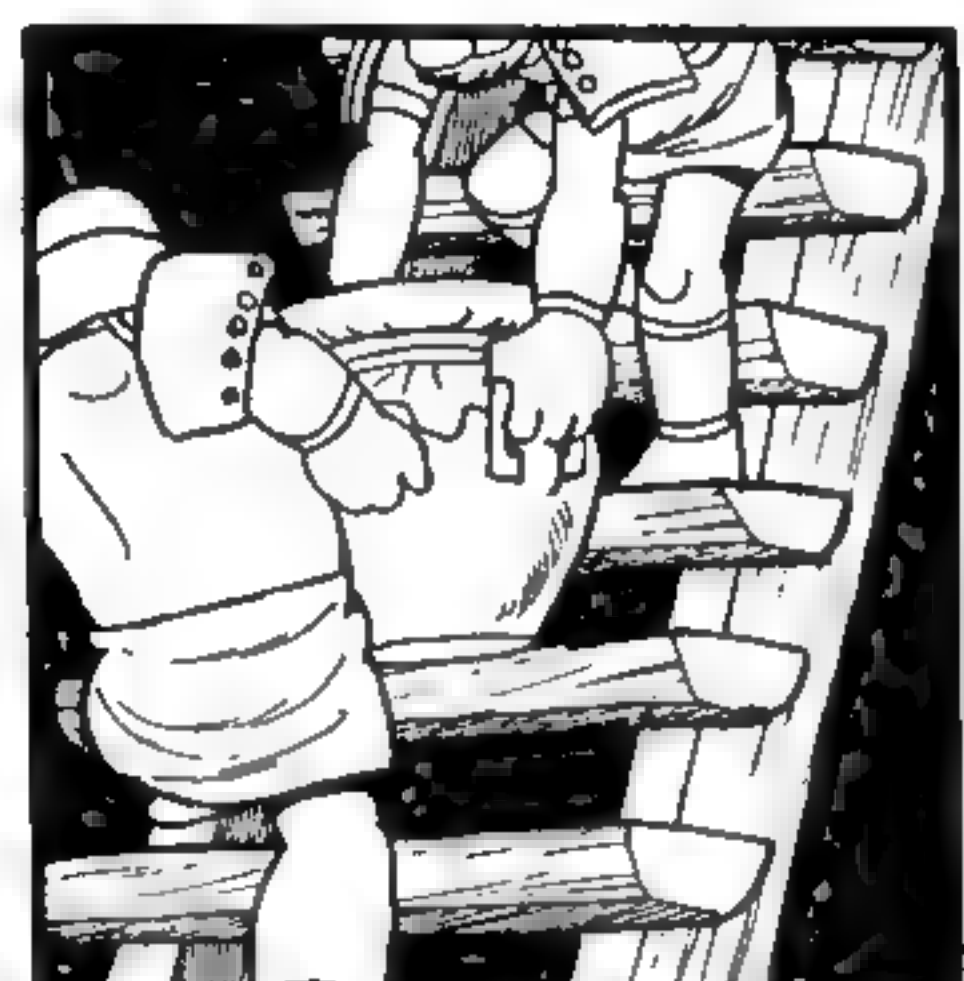
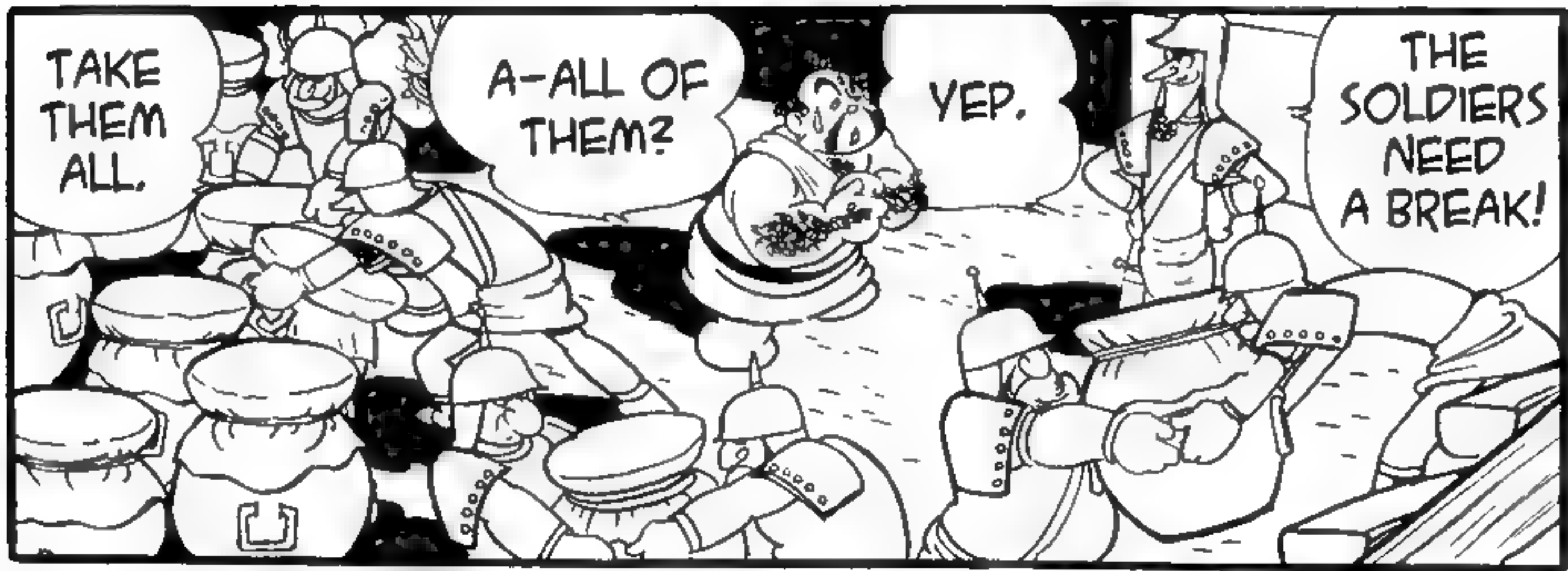
H
U
H
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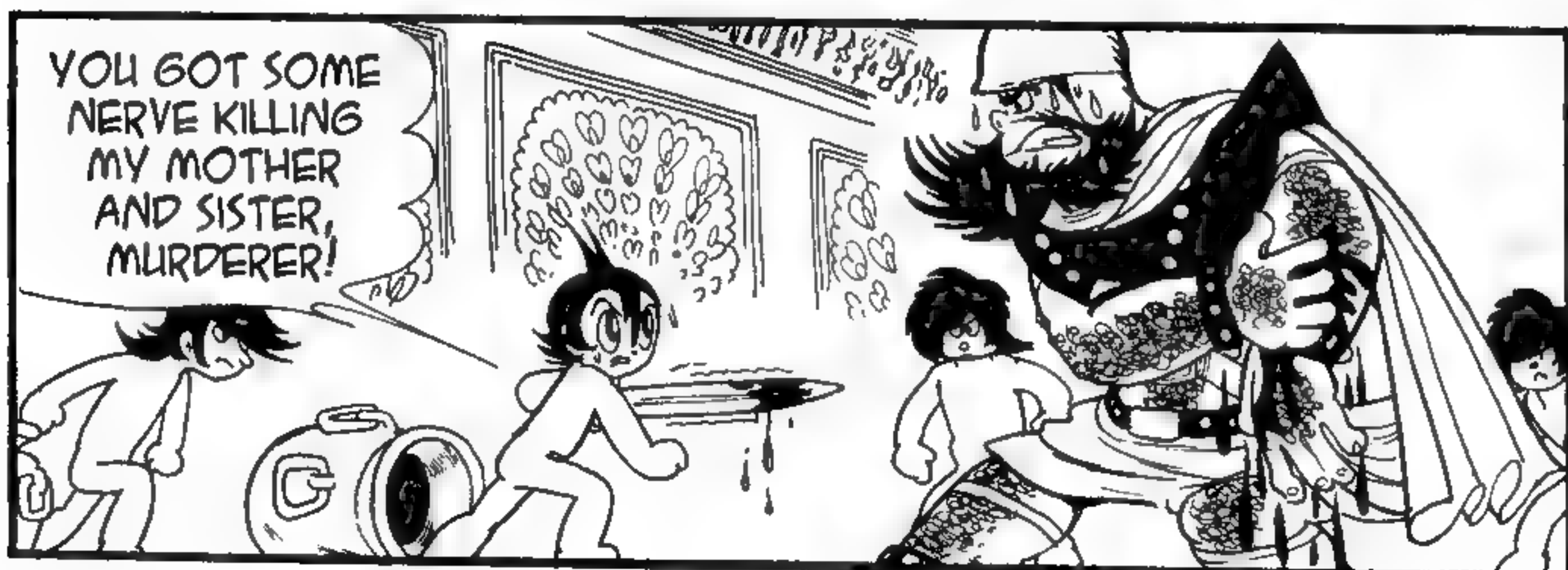
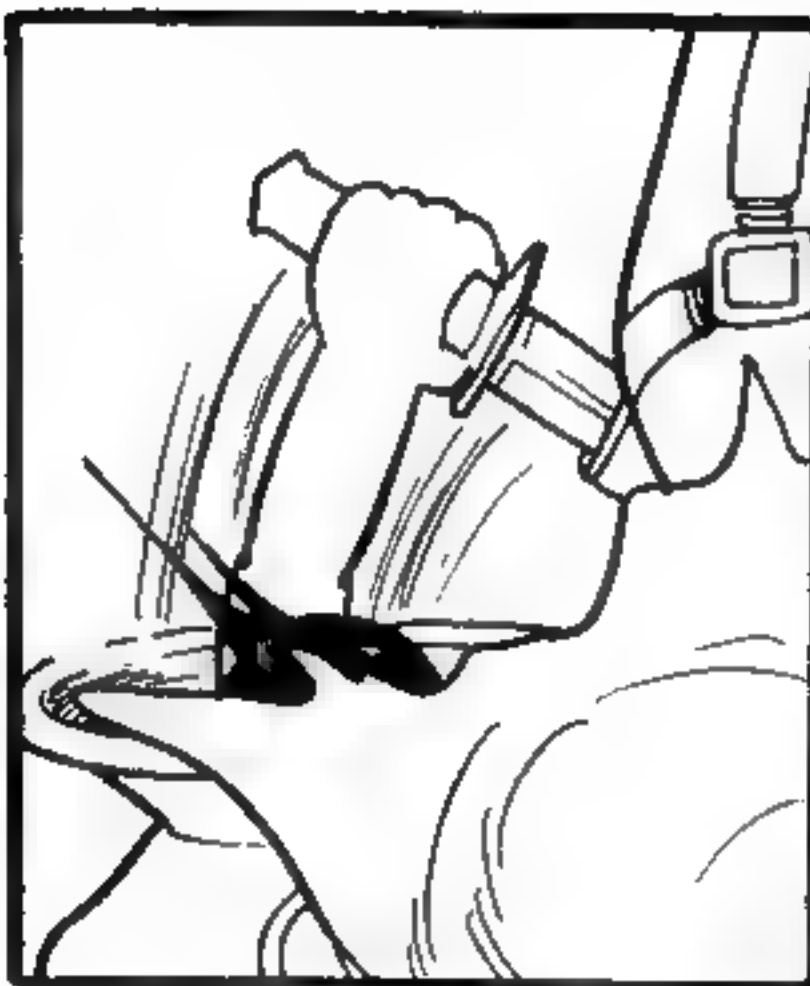
OLD MAN,
LIBATIONS!
WHERE'S
THE WINE
CELLAR?

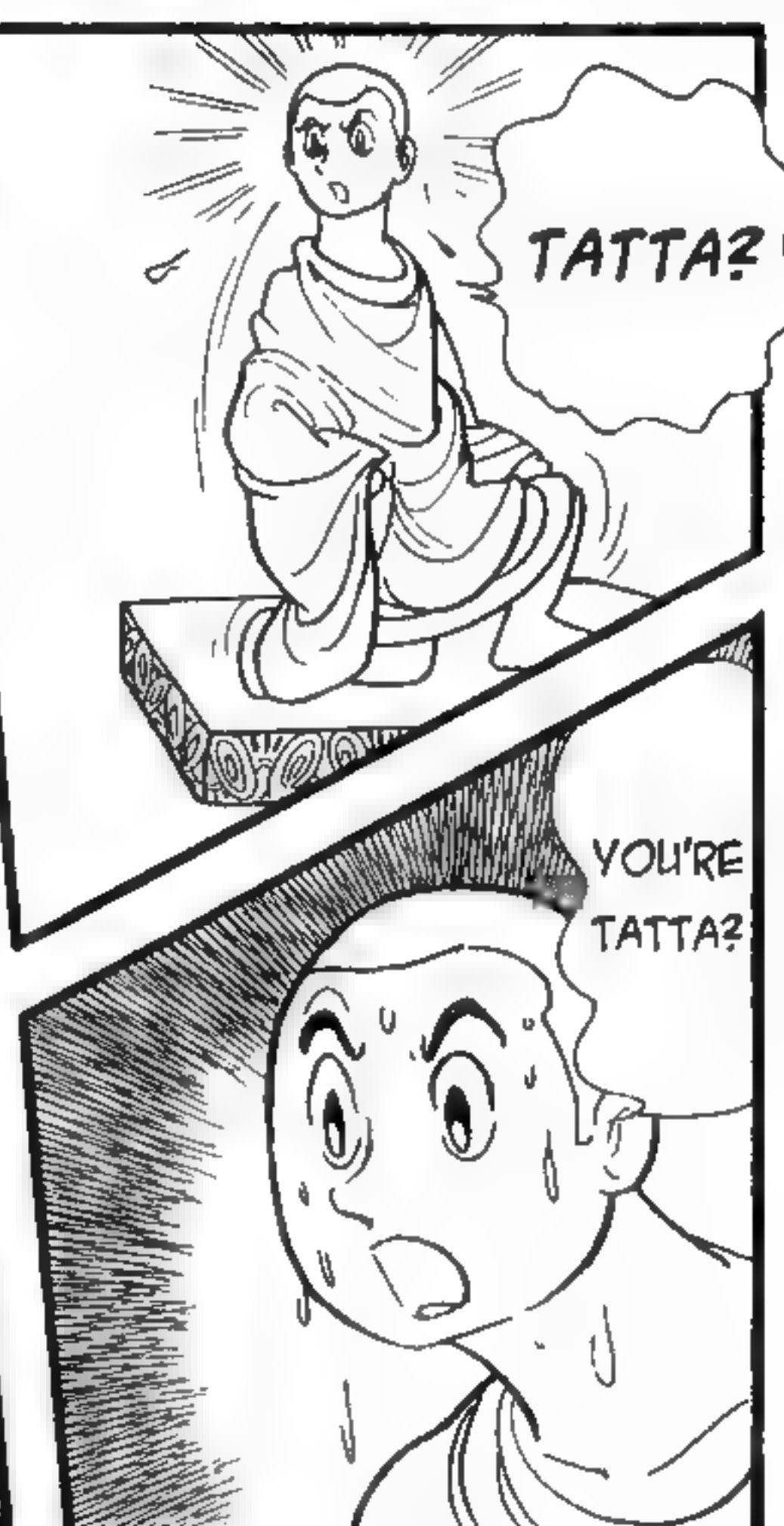
NOW THEY'RE
TAKING ALL
MY WINE TOO...

HERE
THEY
COME!

QUIET
!







THAT'S RIGHT,
I'M TATTA.
GOTTA PROBLEM?



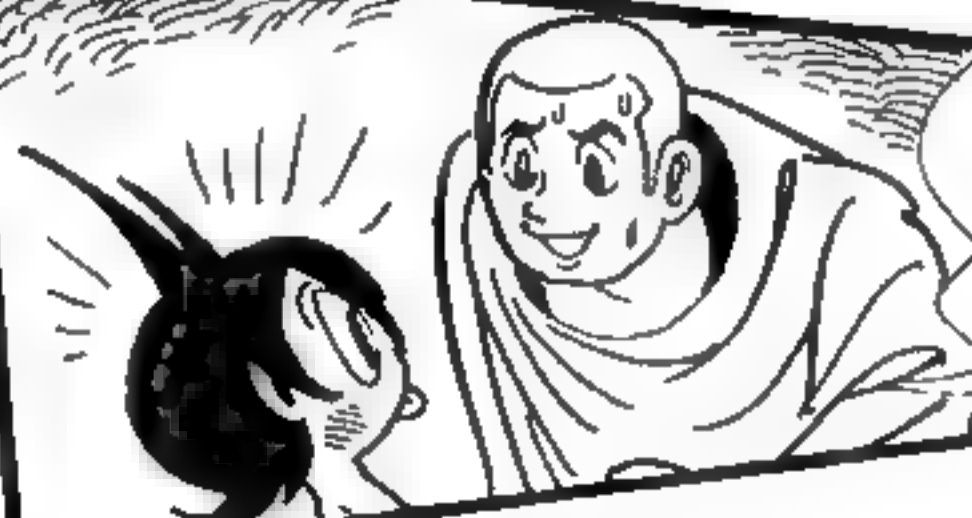
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TATTA...
YES, THAT WAS
THE NAME...



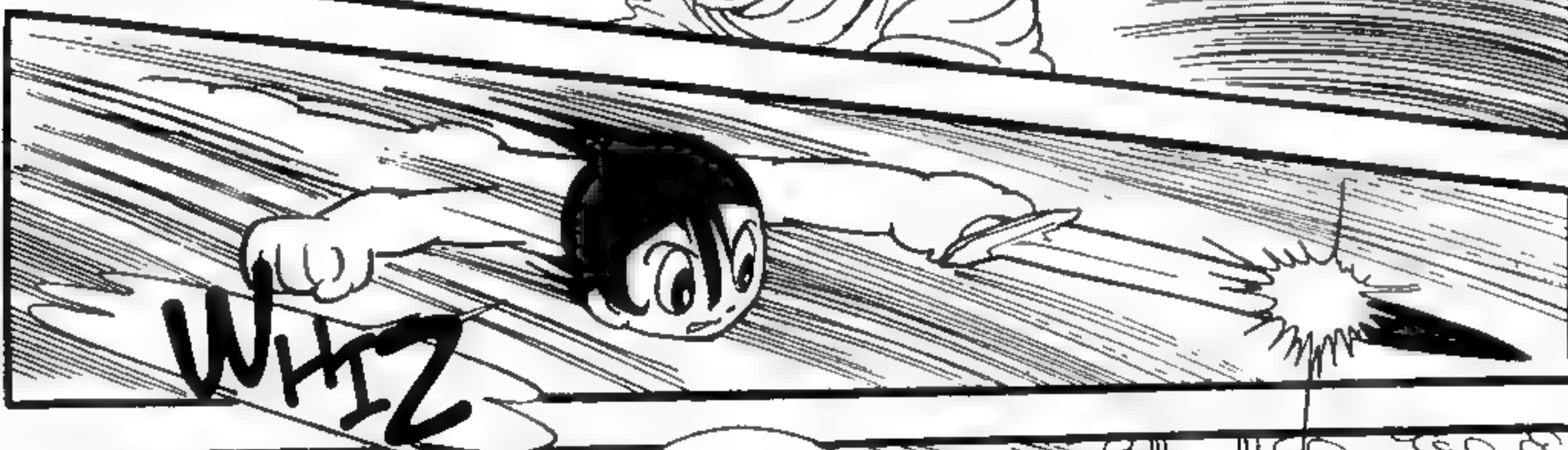
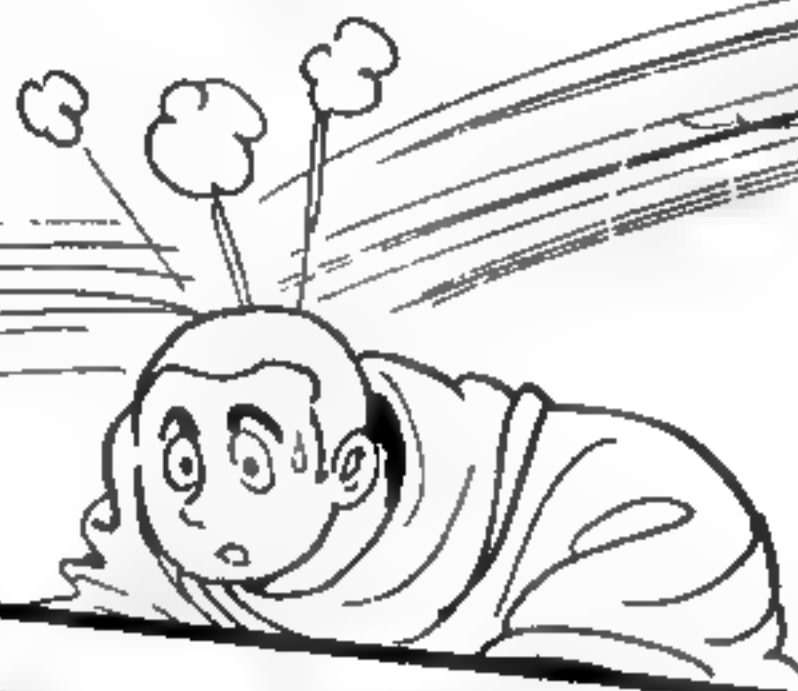
YOU'RE
THE
GREAT
ONE?

I HAD
NO IDEA
A MERE
CHILD...



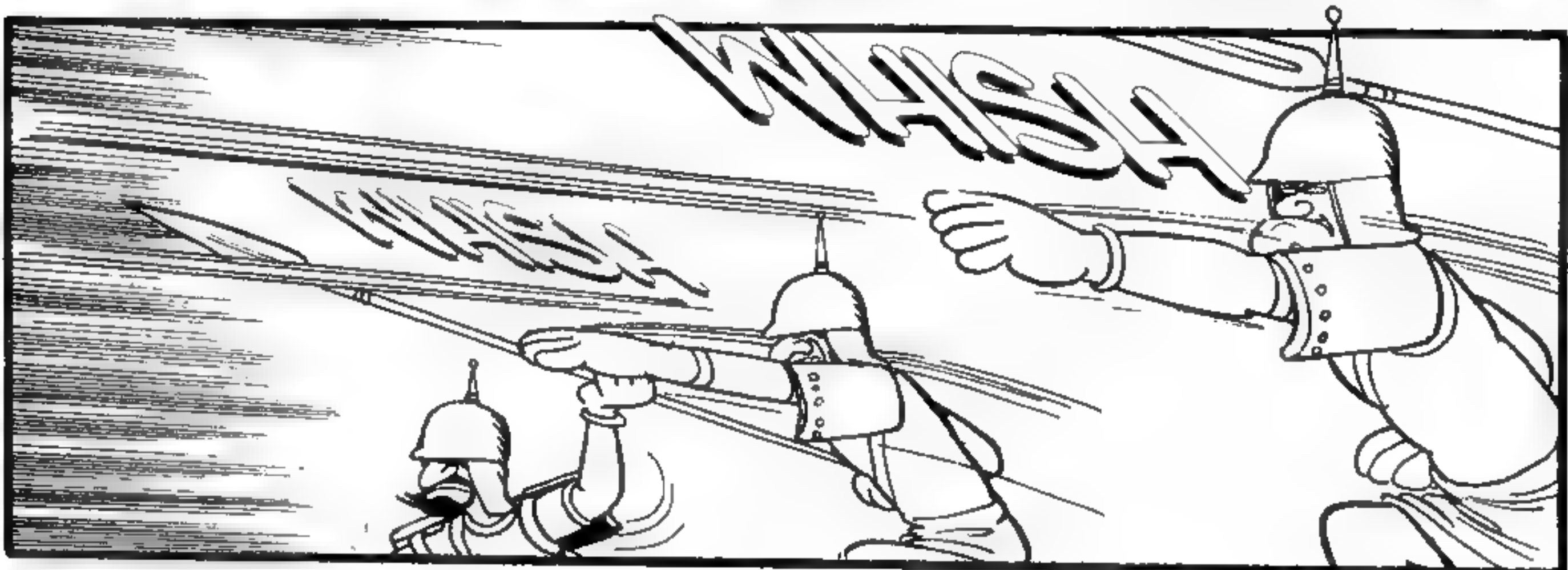
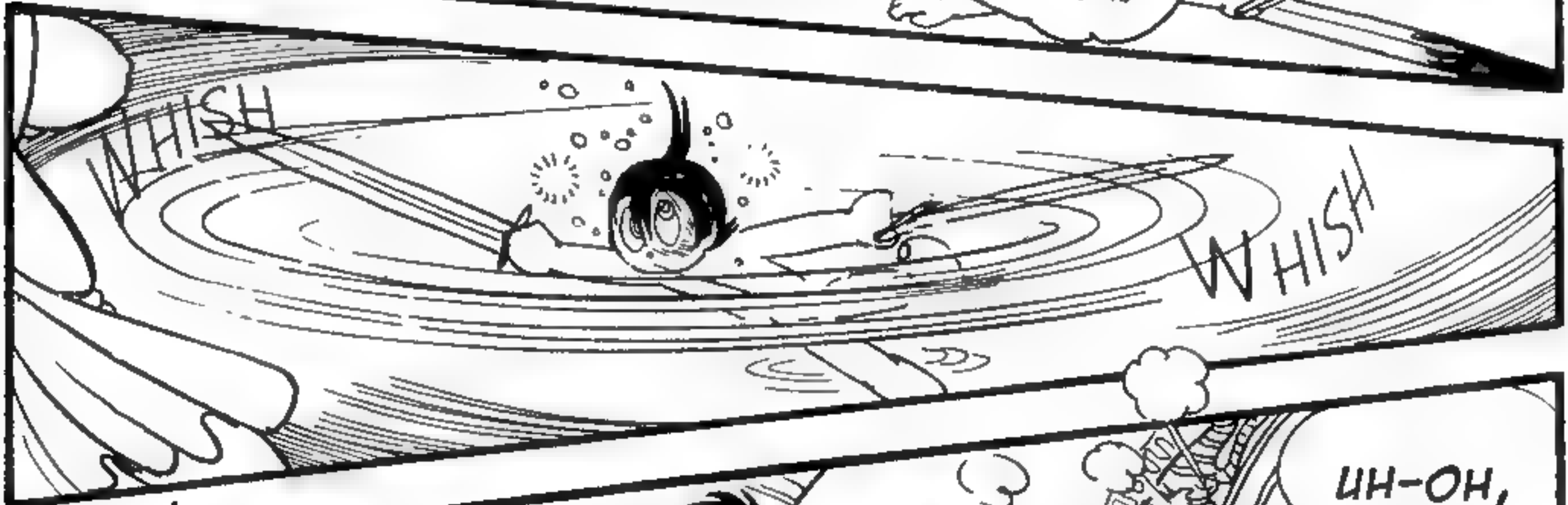
I HAVE
FOUND YOU!!

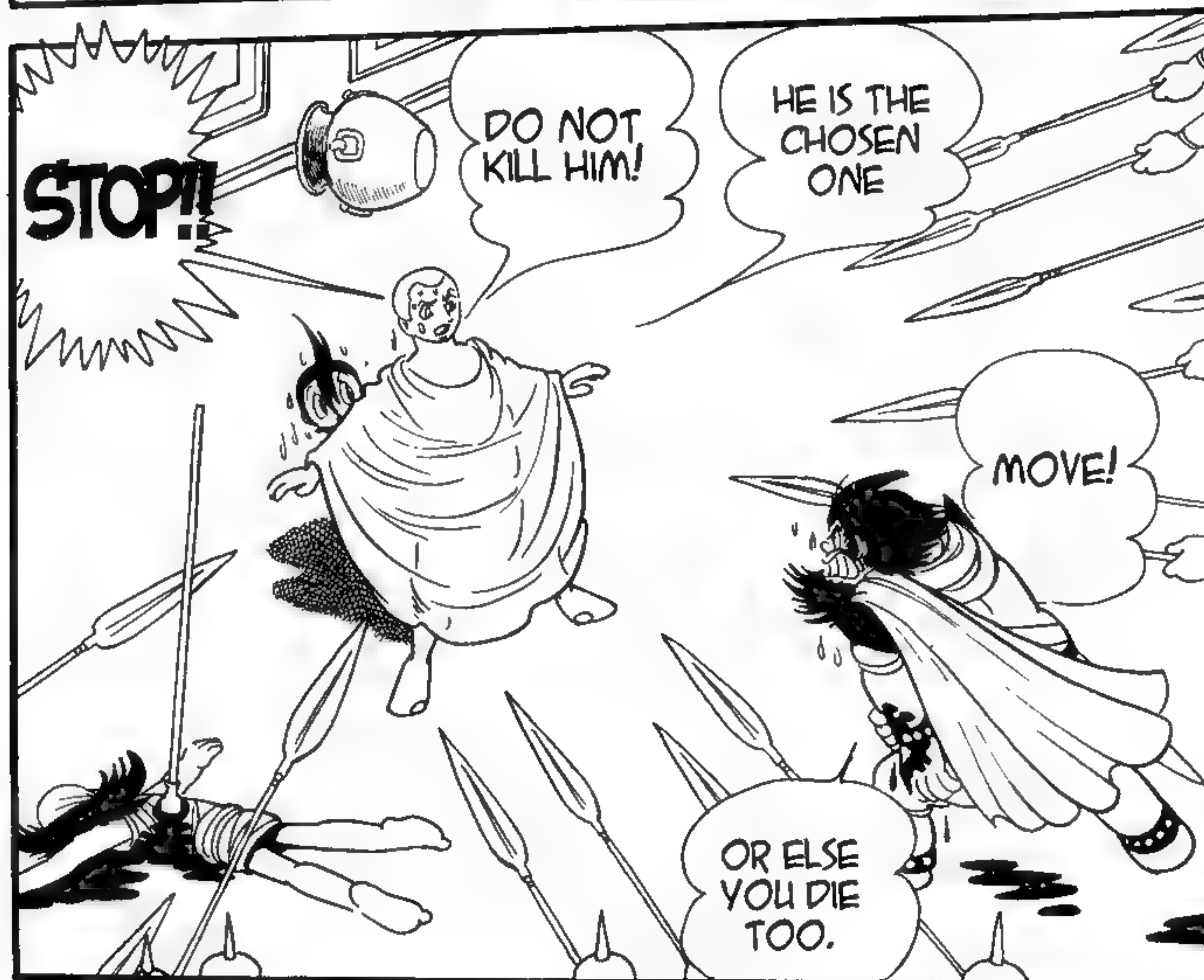
OUTTA
MY WAY.

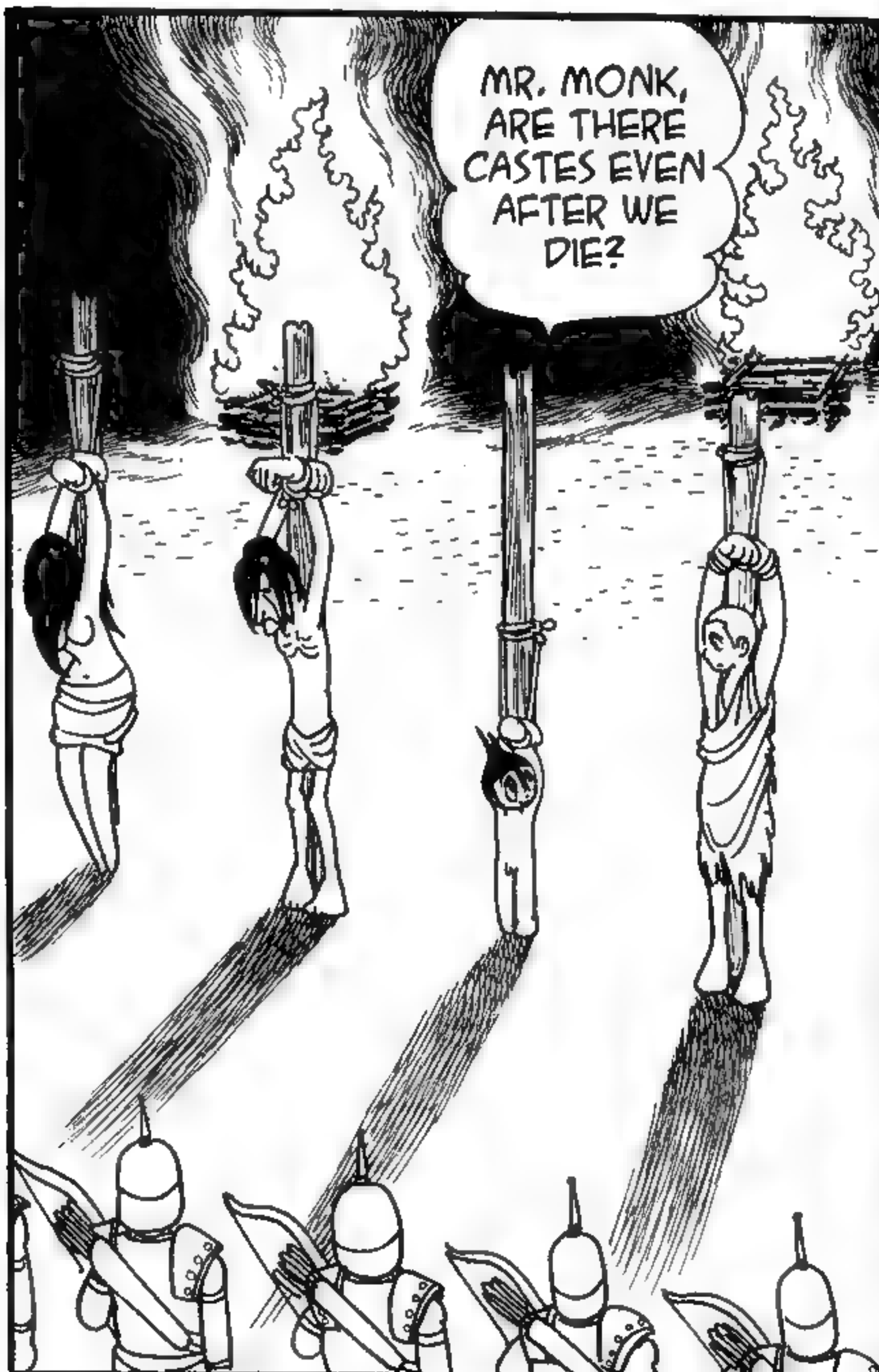


LITTLE
RUNT!



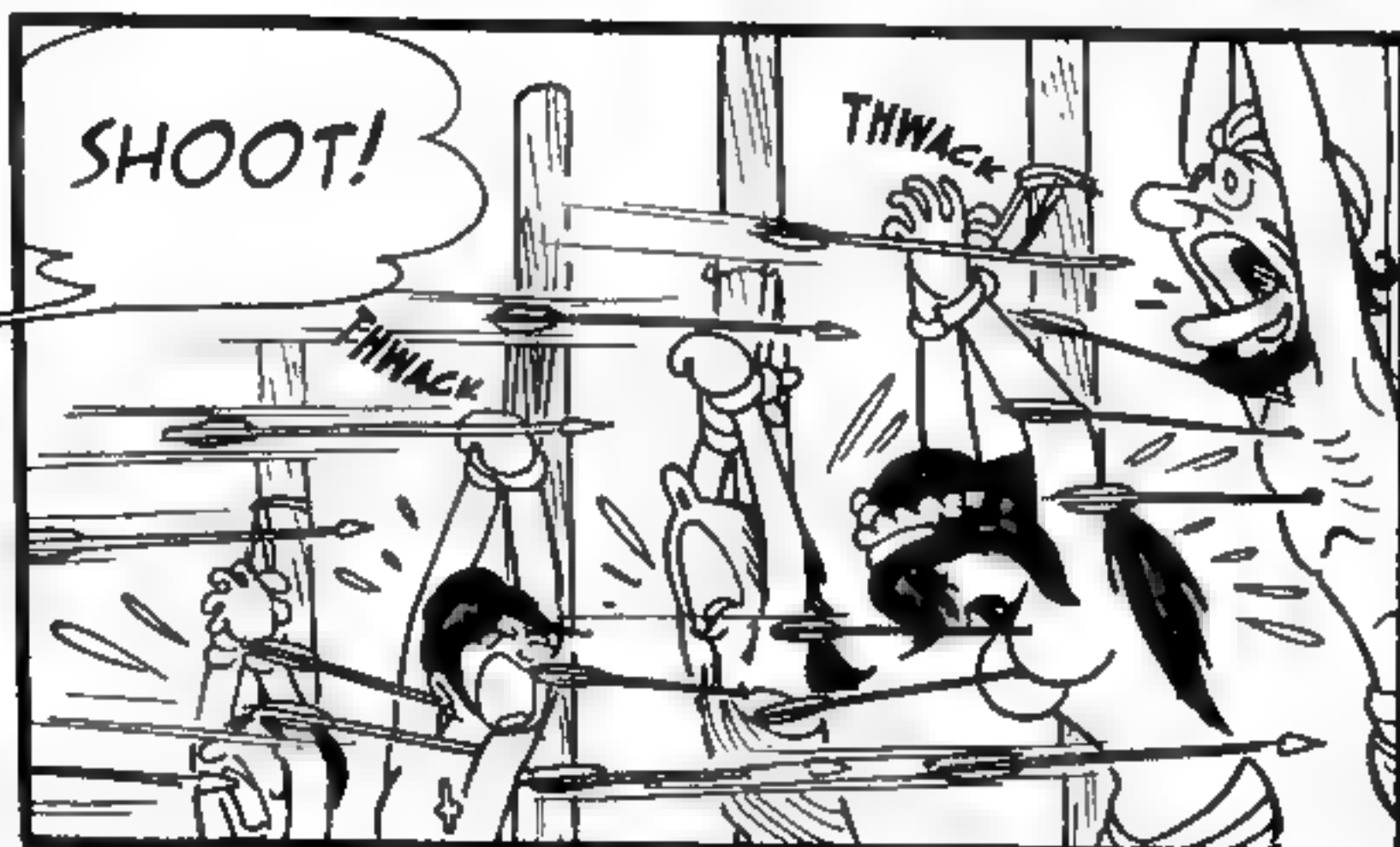
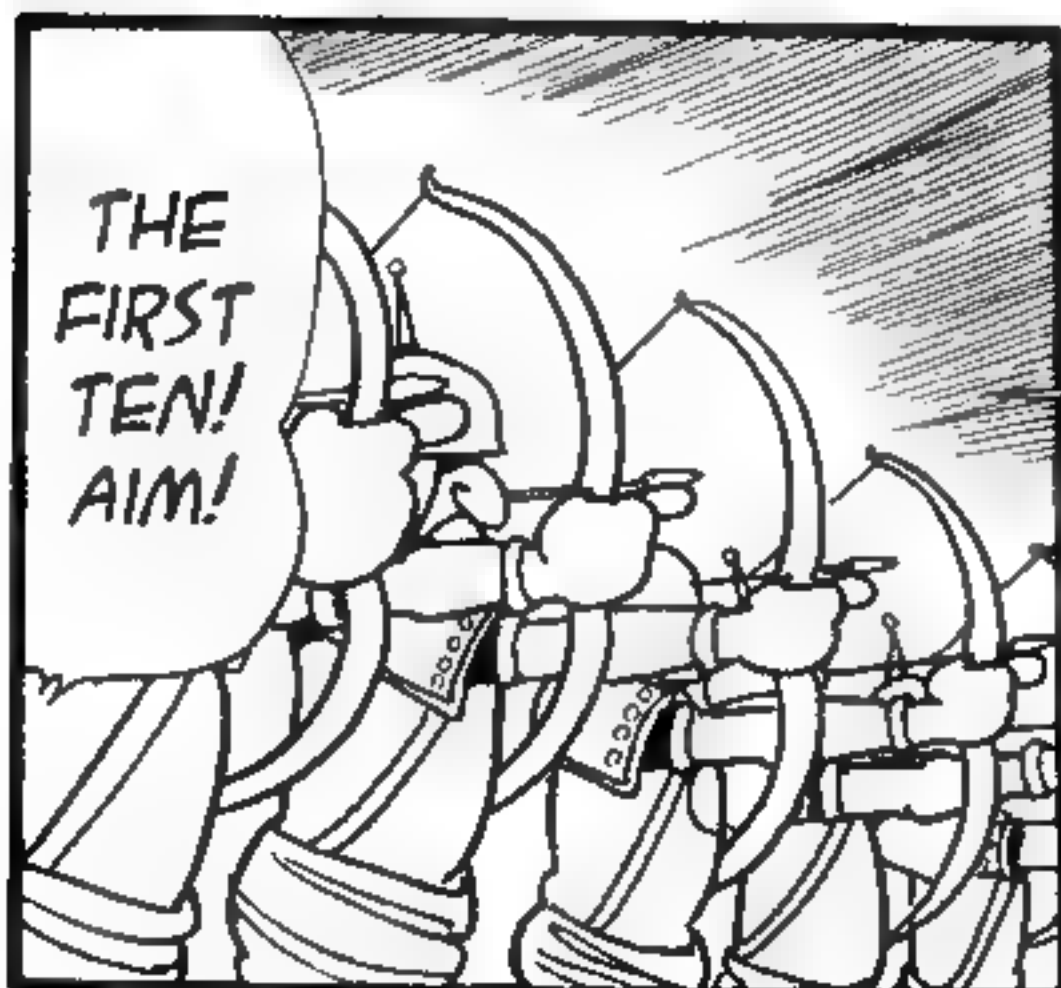
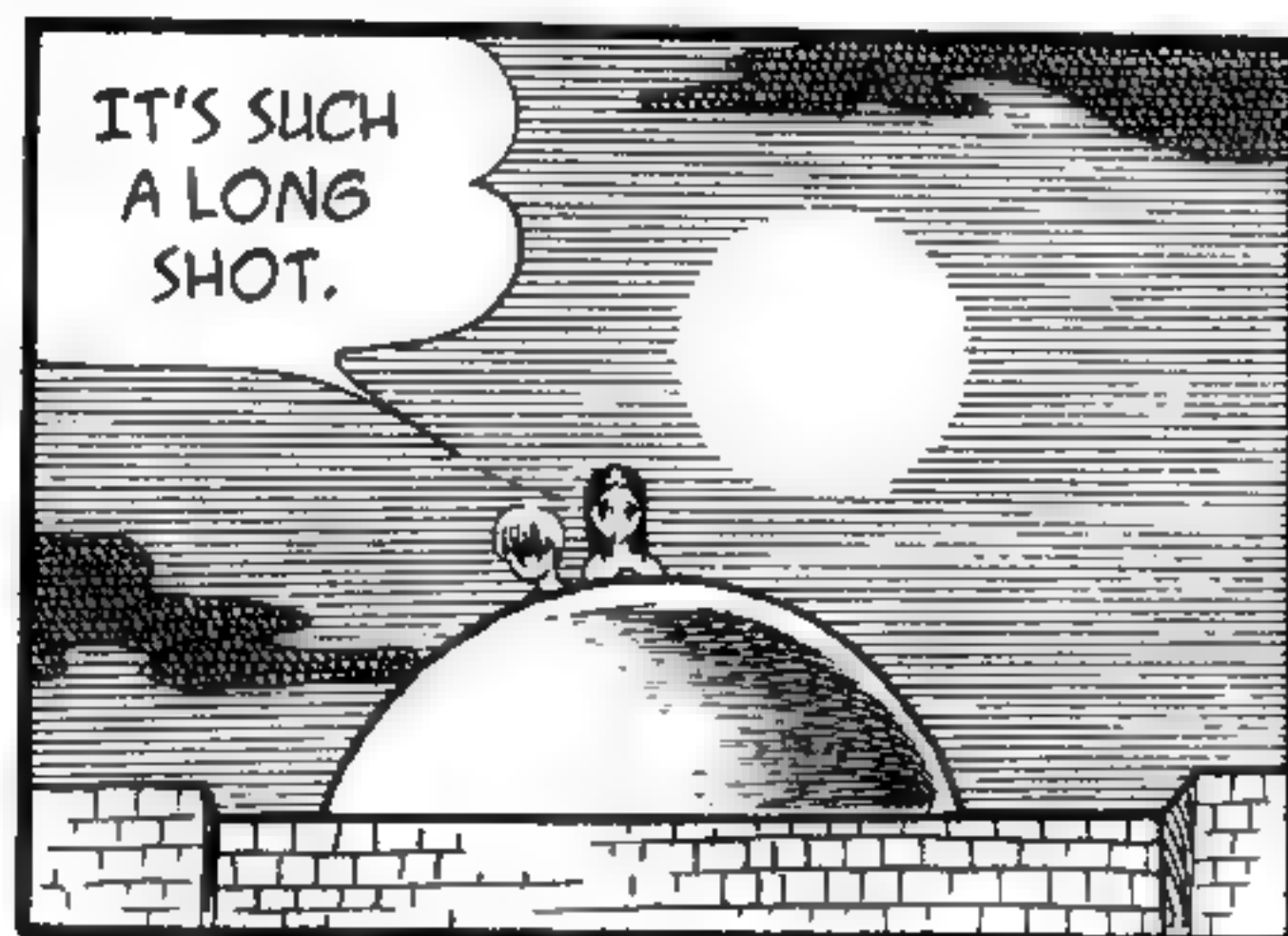
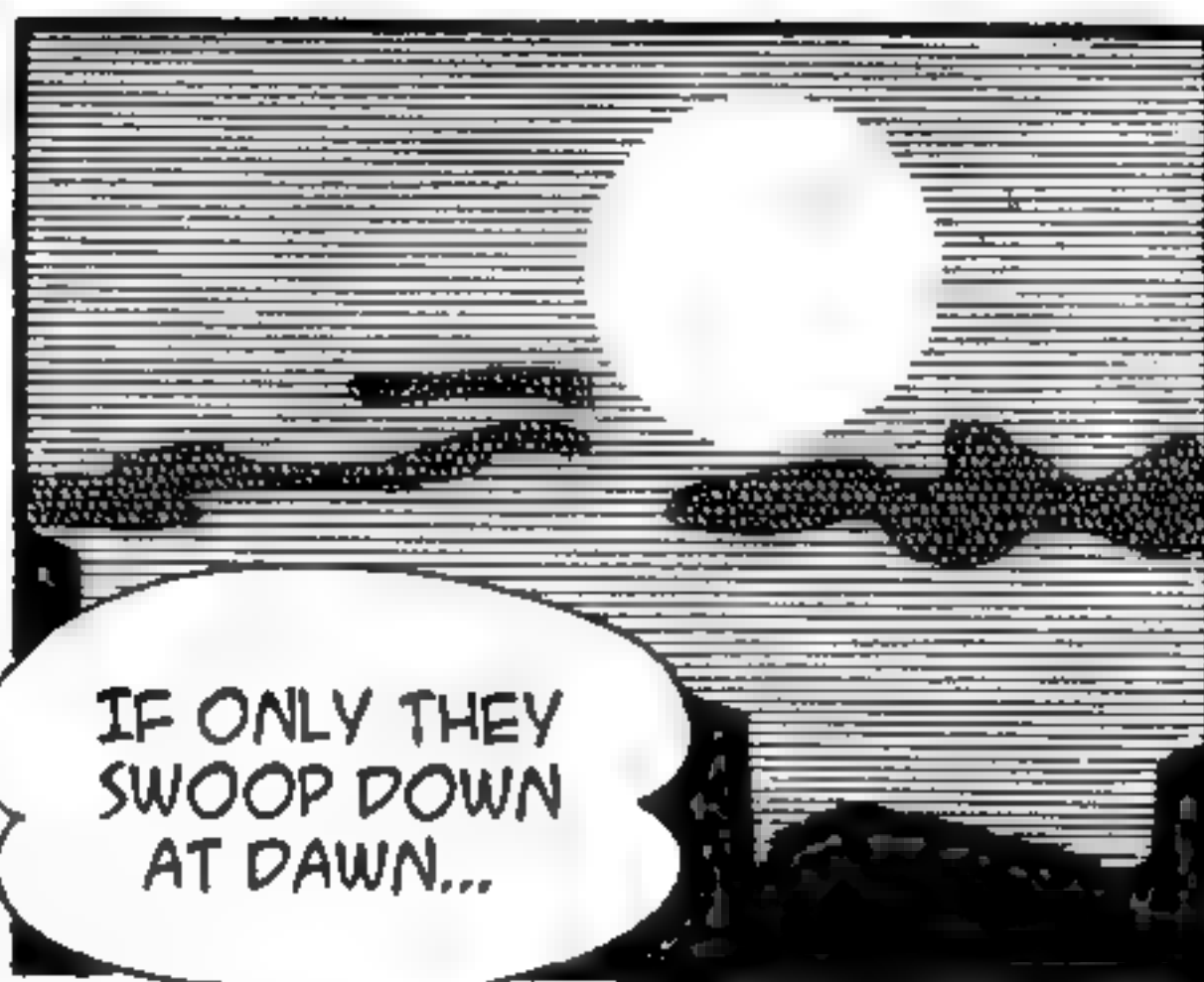


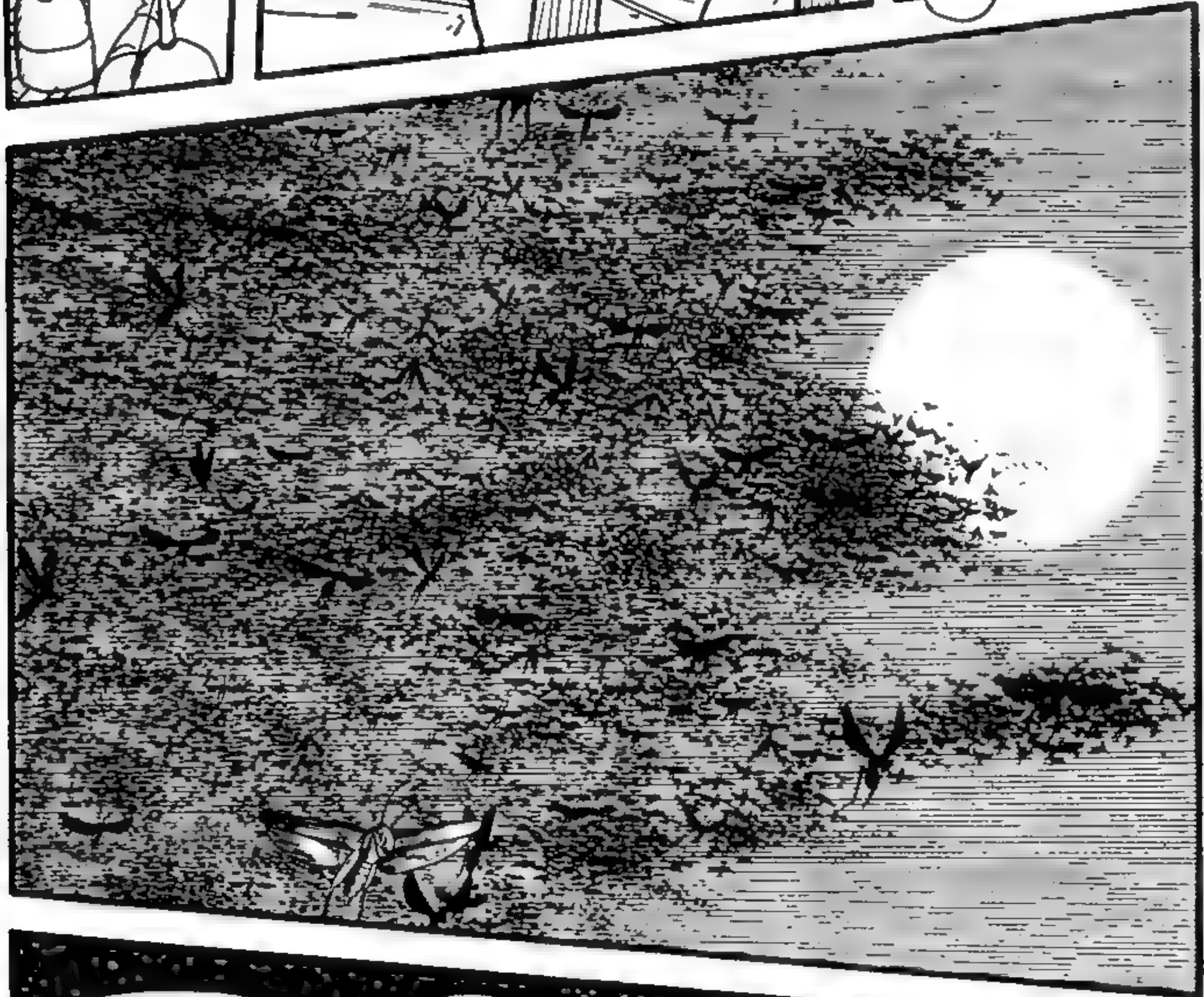
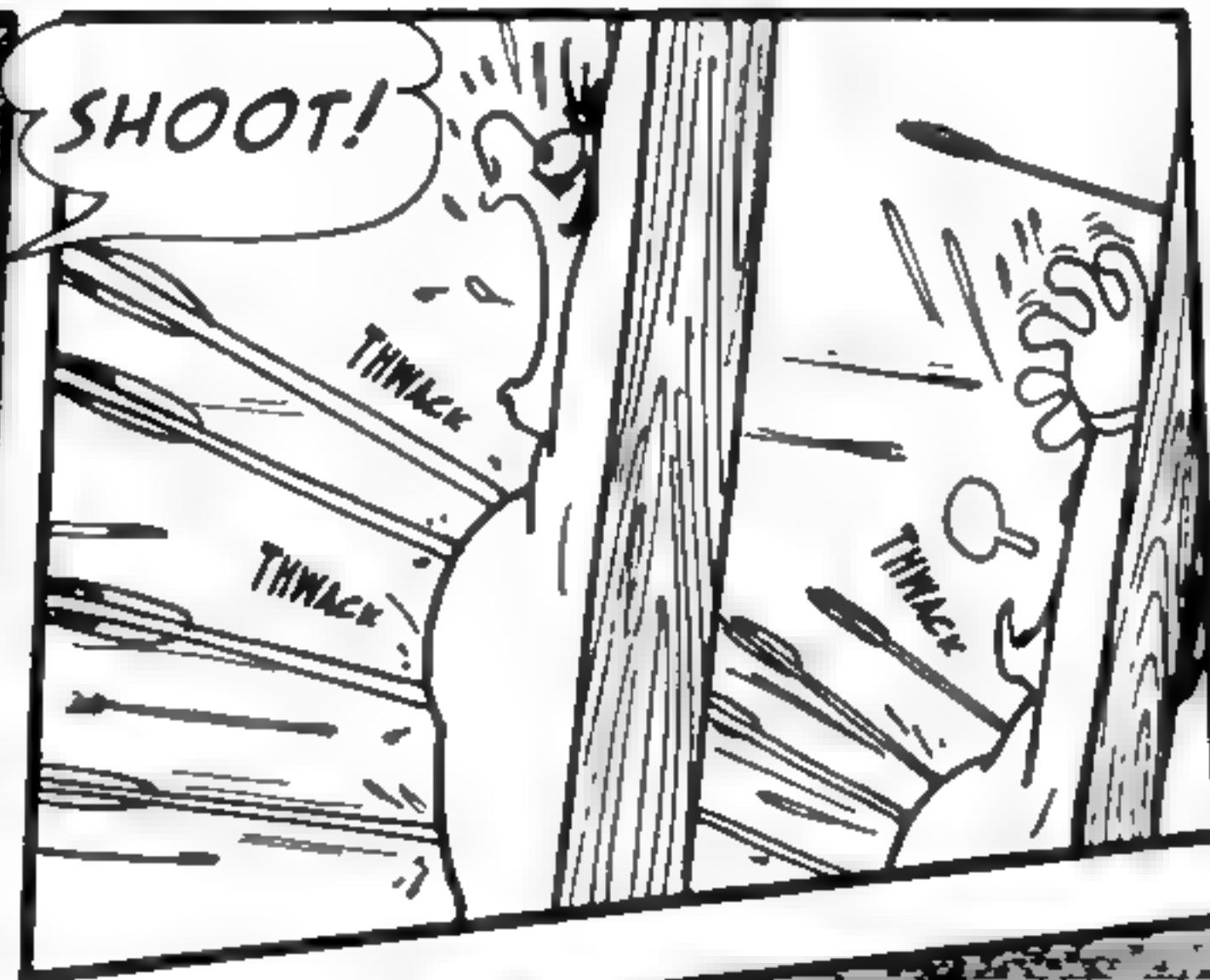


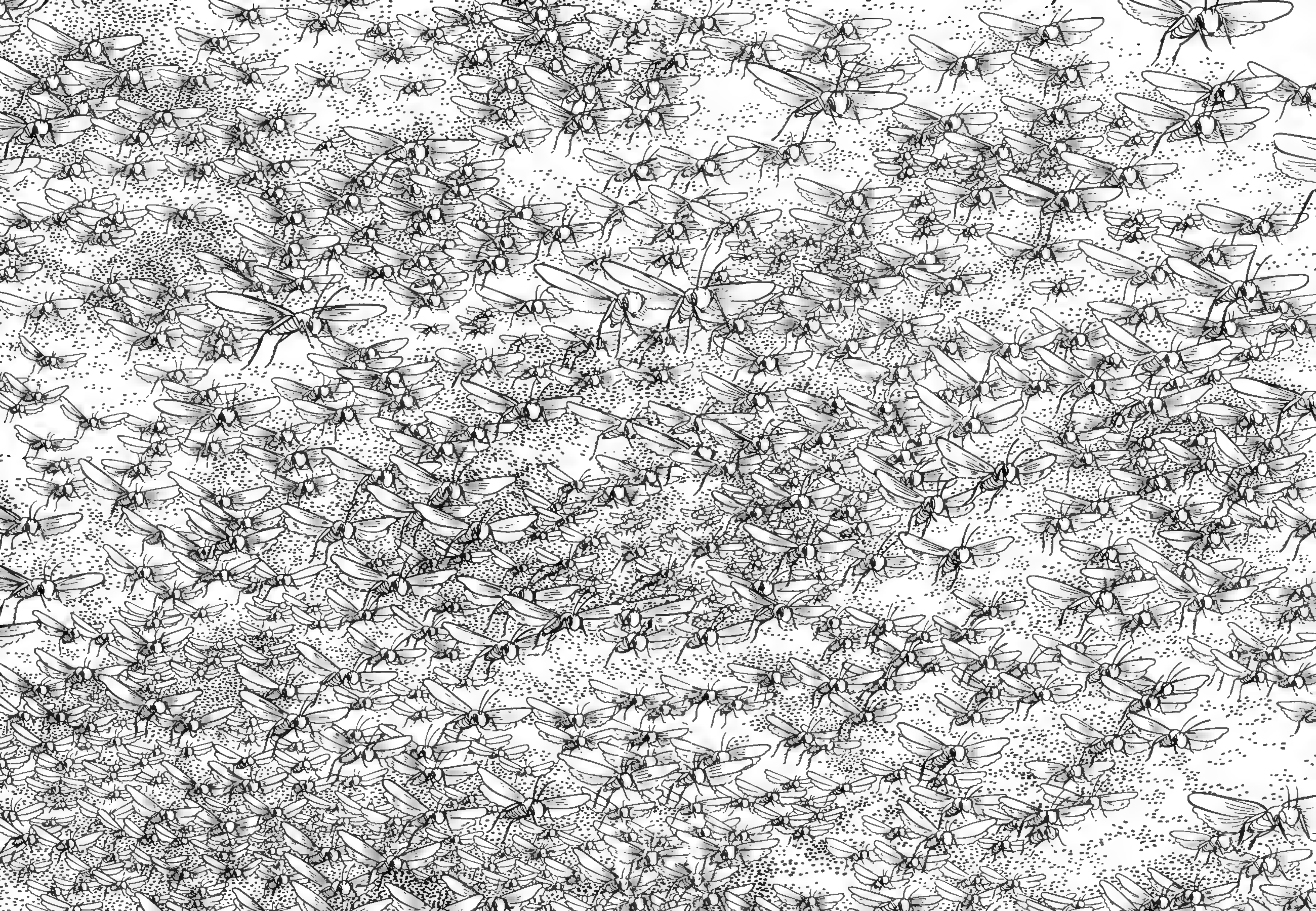


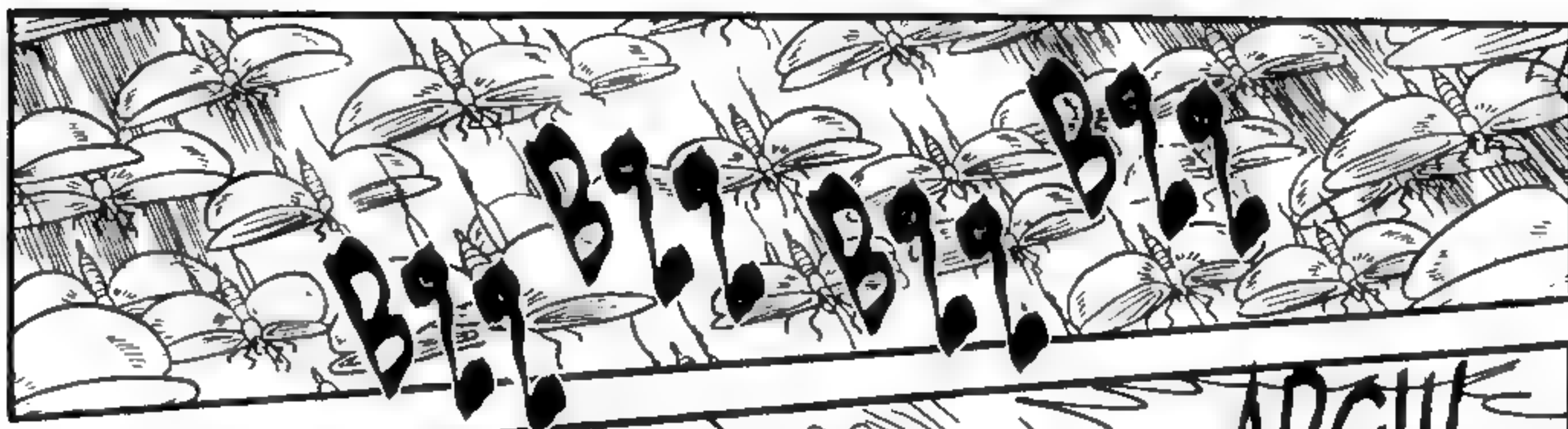
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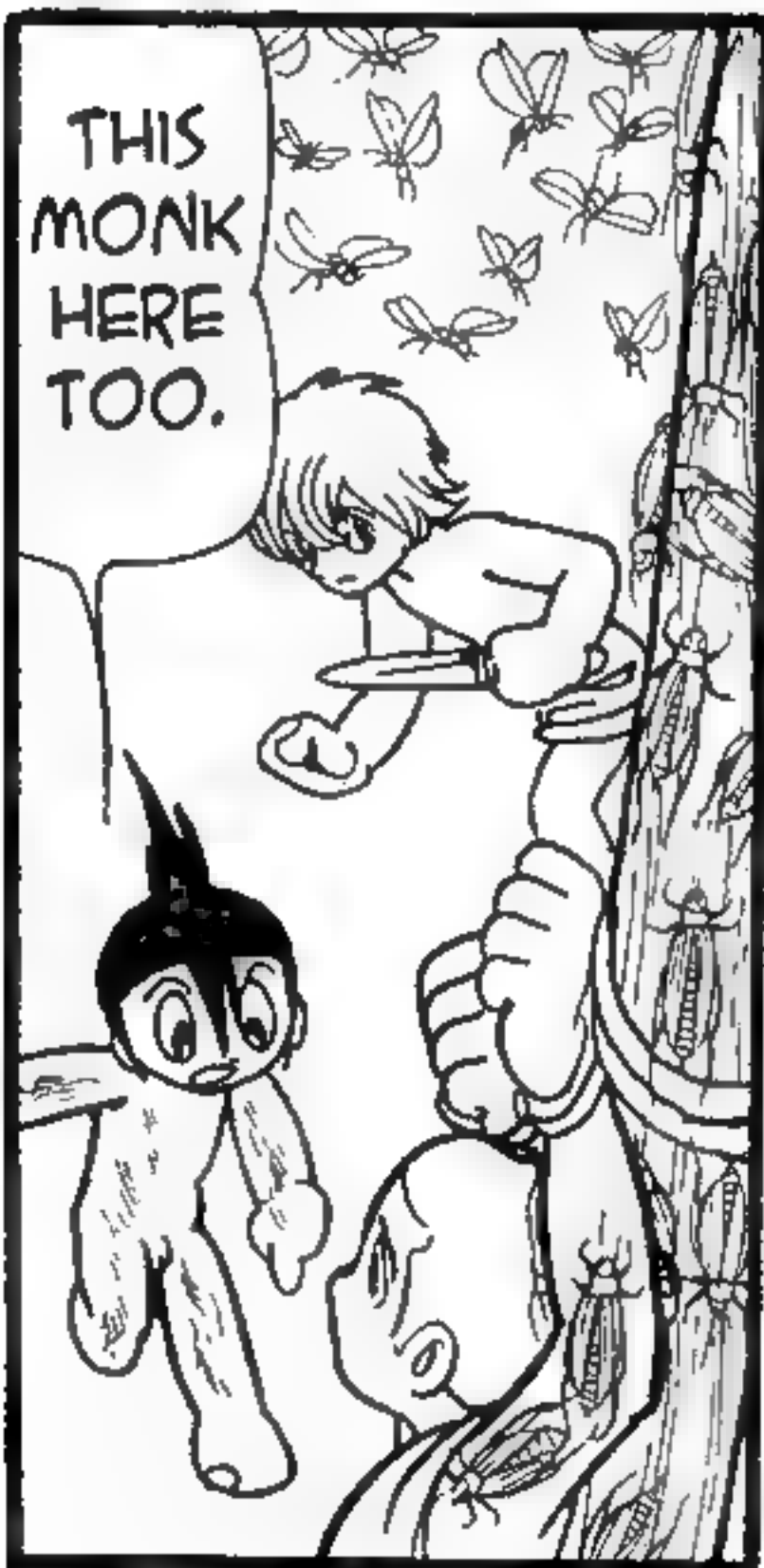
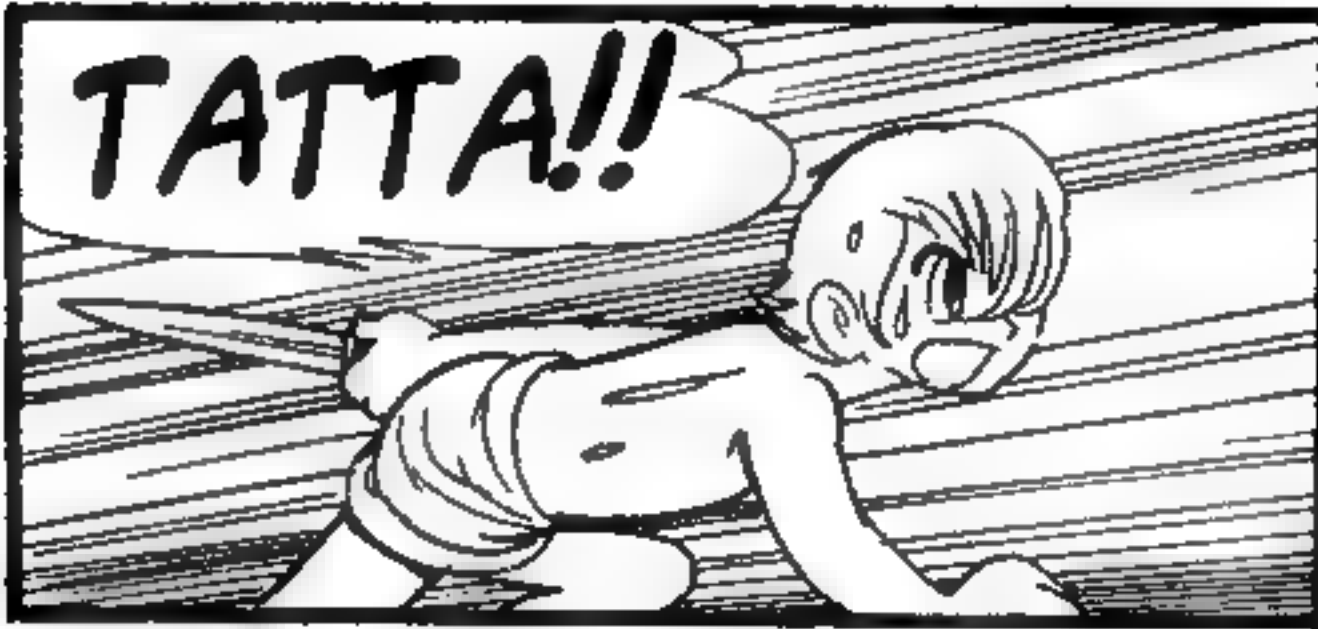
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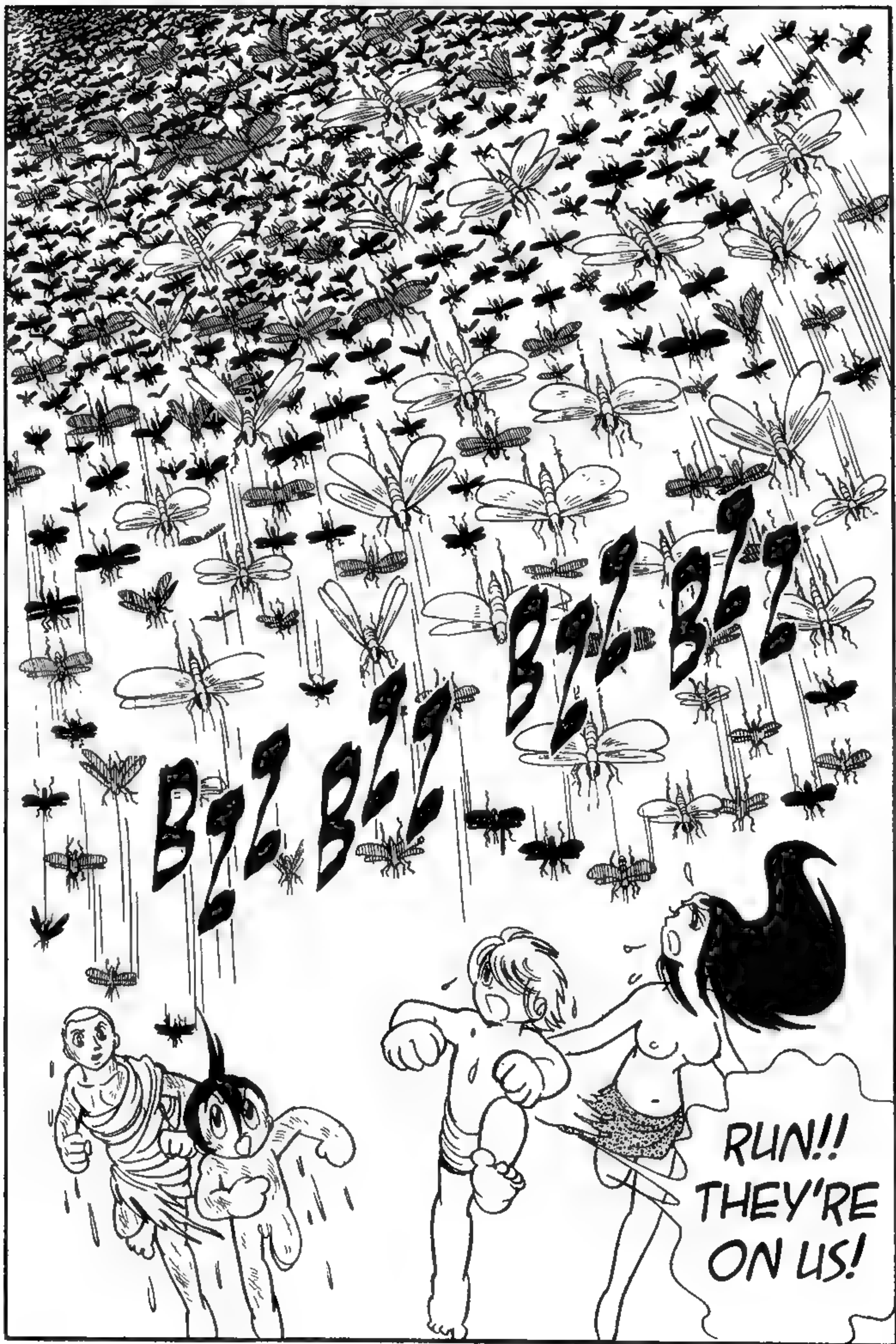


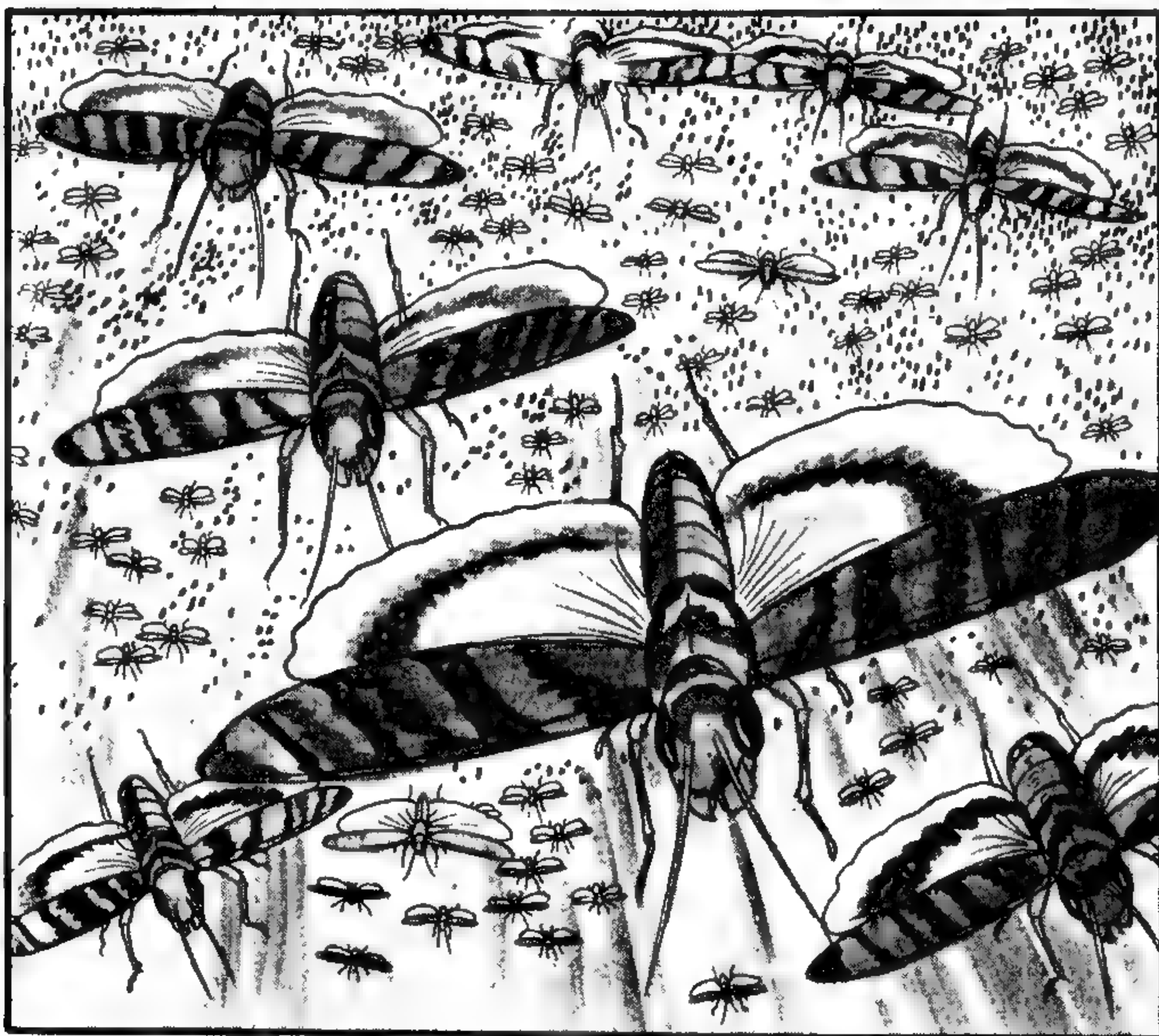






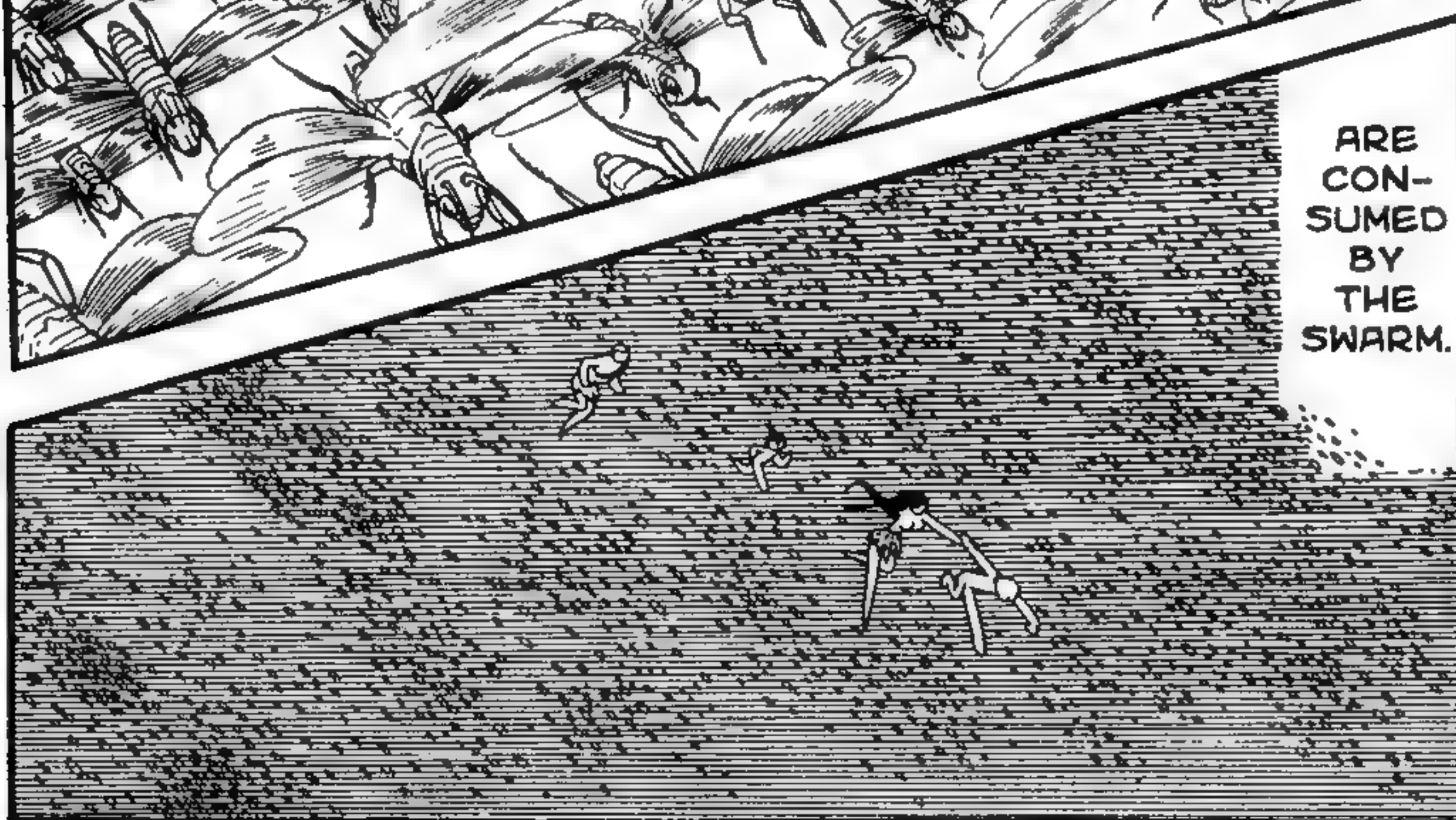
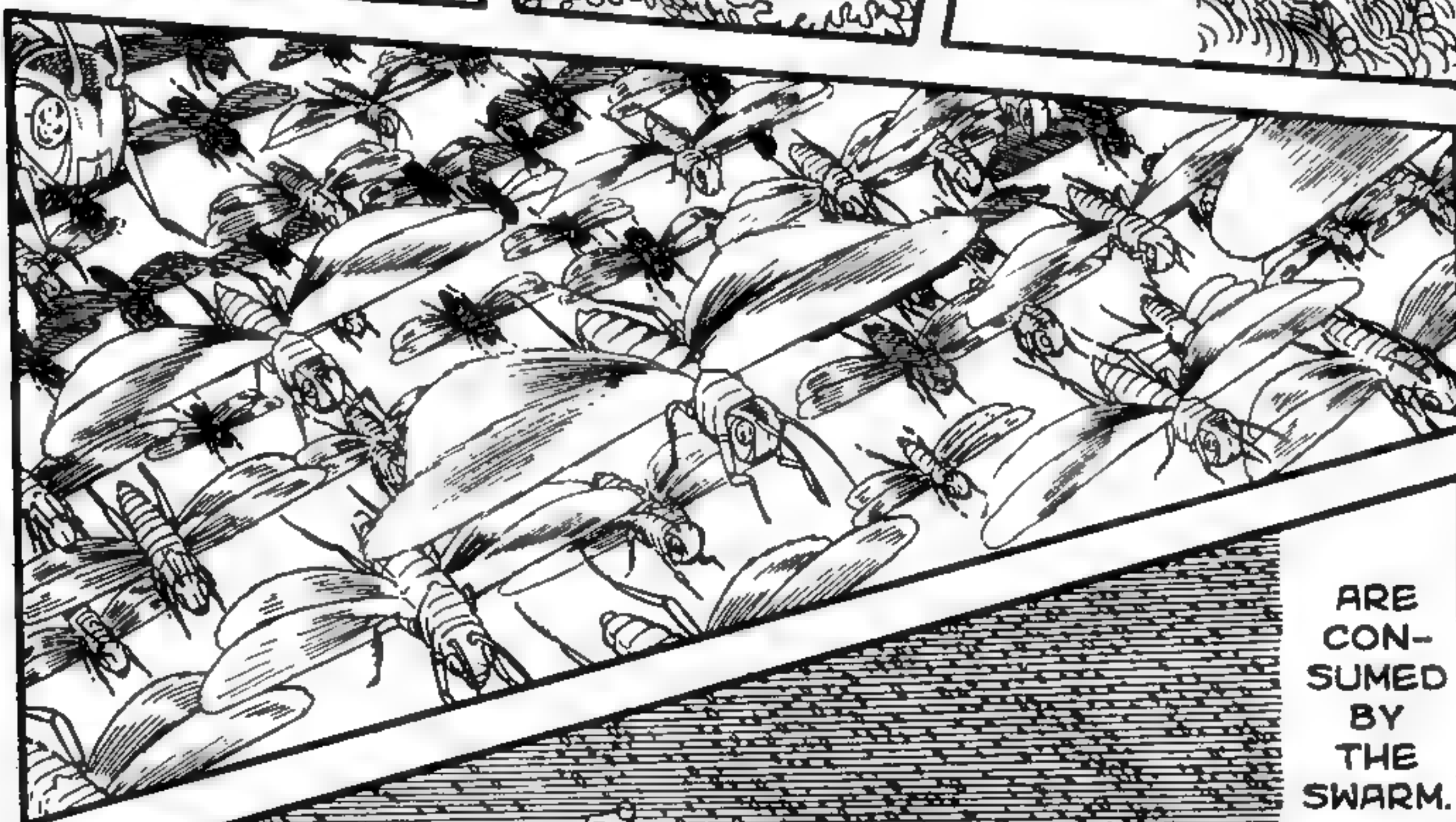
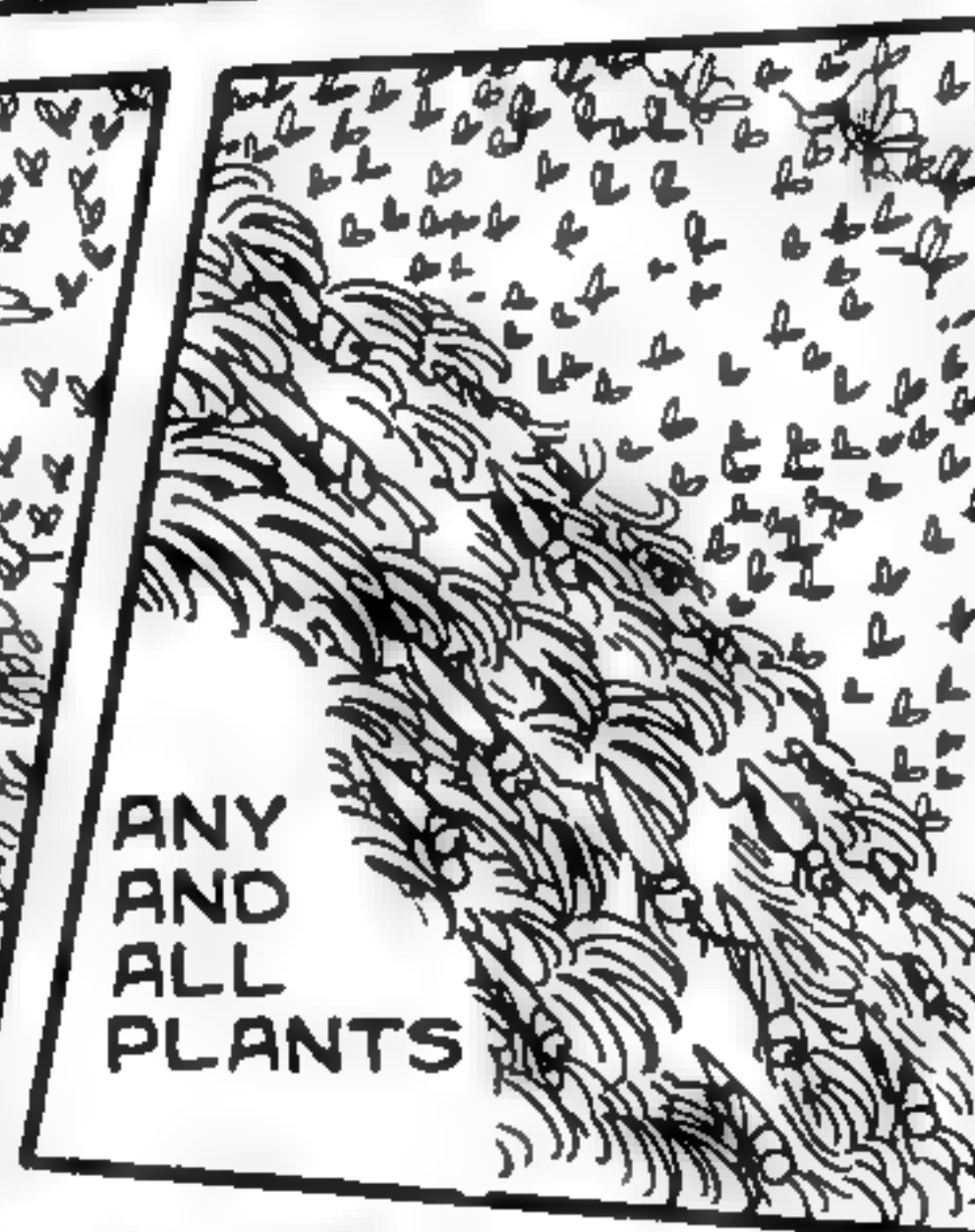
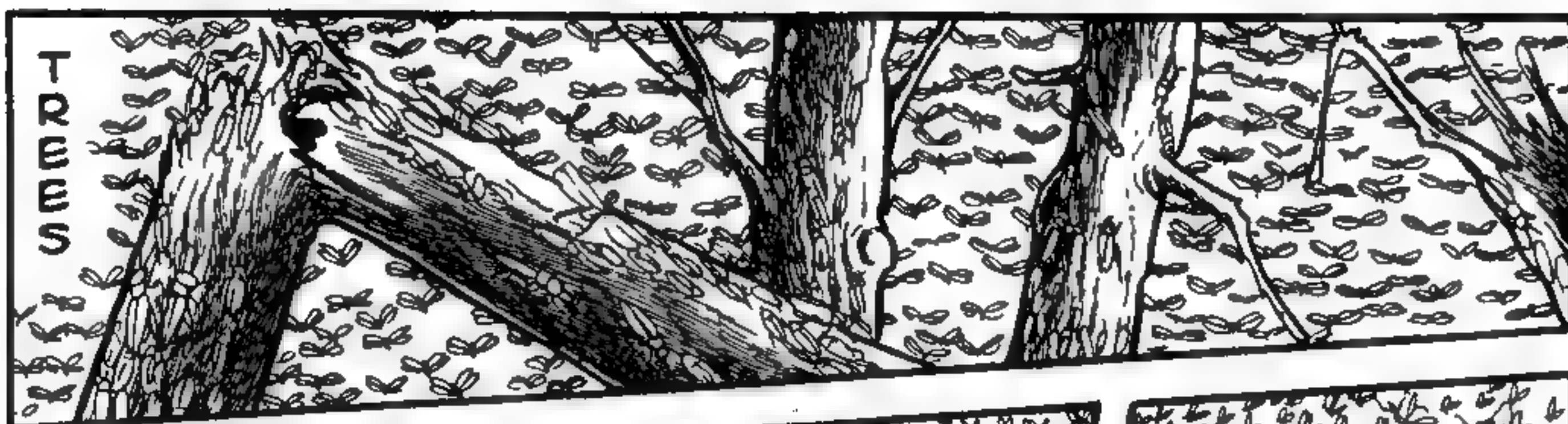


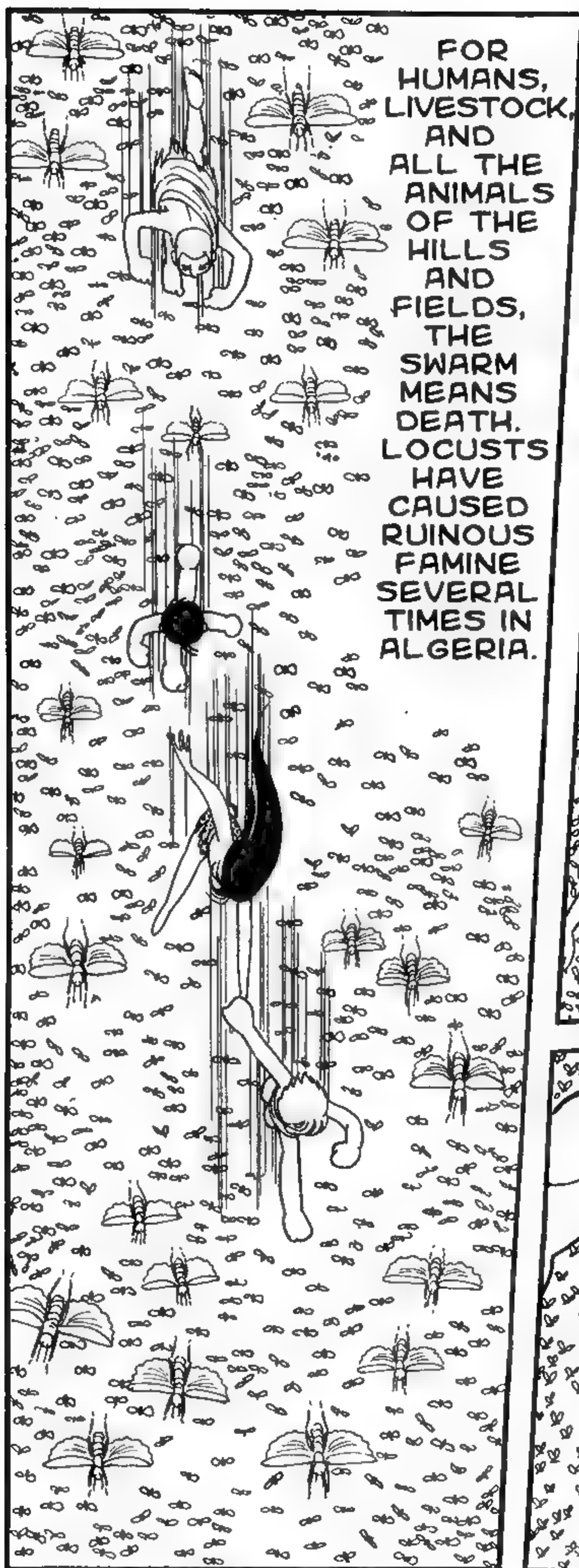






THERE EXISTS A TYPE OF
LOCUST THAT, WHEN
FOOD SOURCES RUN DRY,
TRAVEL TOGETHER IN A
SWARM TO SEEK MORE
HOSPITABLE TURF.
ON A CERTAIN SIGNAL,
THE SWARM RISES UP,
CREATING A CLOUD-
LIKE MASS SO BIG IT
NEARLY OBLITERATES
THE SUN. THEY NUMBER
SO MANY THAT THE
MIGRATION TAKES
SEVERAL DAYS. WHEN
THEY FINALLY DESCEND
ON PLANT LIFE FAR AWAY,
IT IS AS IF A STORM
HAS COME TO LIFE.
(FROM J.H. FABRE'S
"THE STORY OF SCIENCE.")

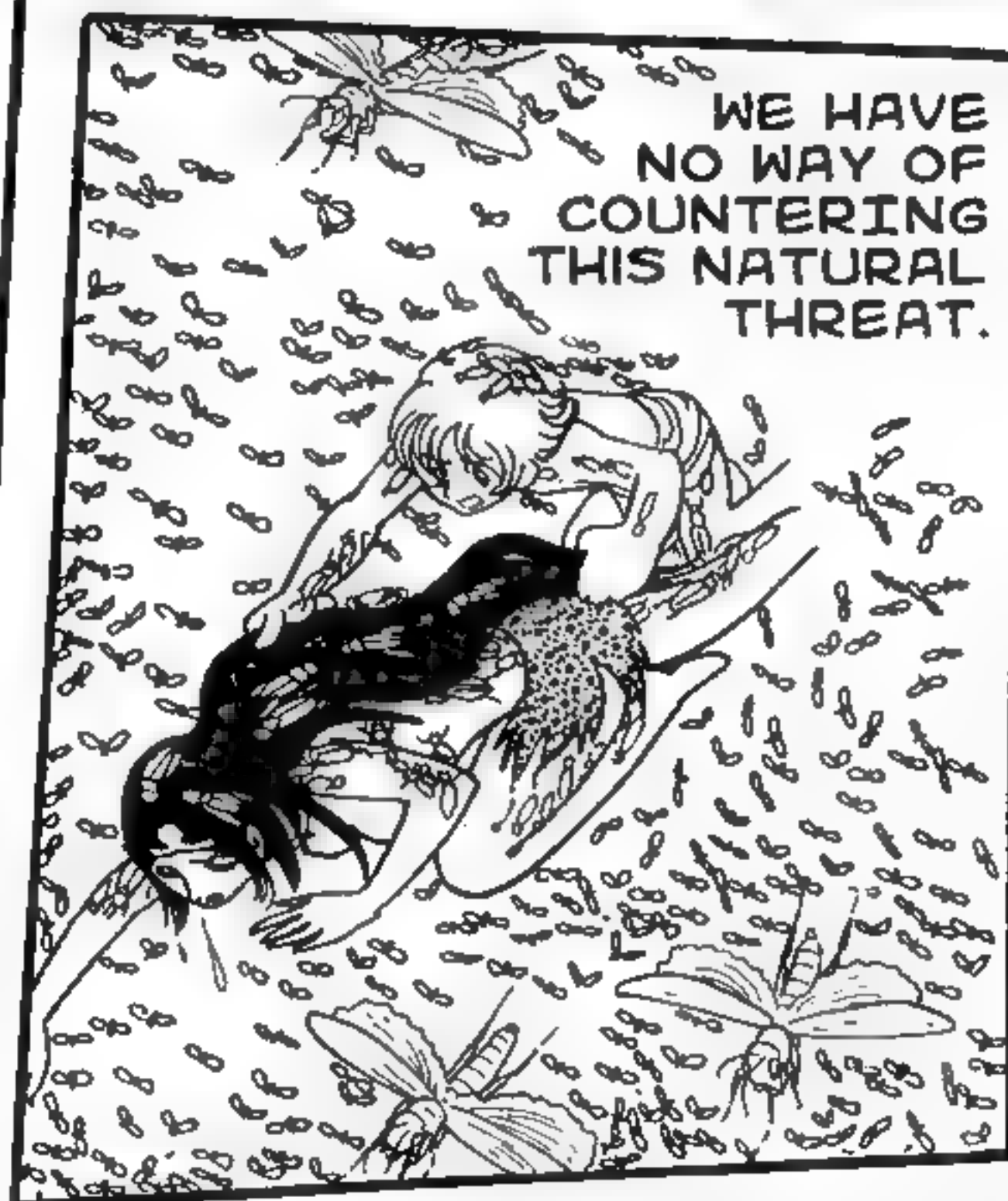




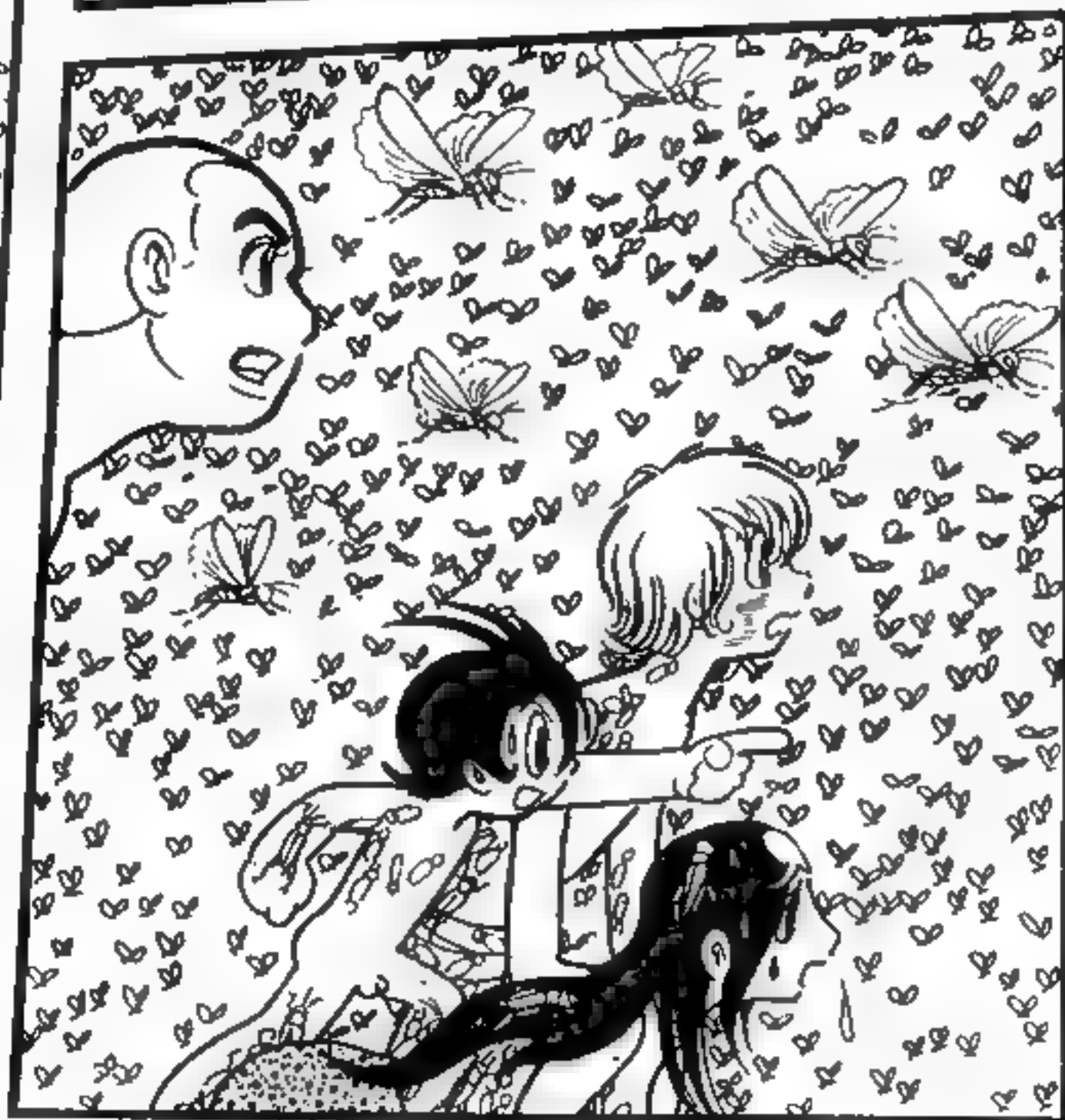
FOR
HUMANS,
LIVESTOCK,
AND
ALL THE
ANIMALS
OF THE
HILLS
AND
FIELDS,
THE
SWARM
MEANS
DEATH.
LOCUSTS
HAVE
CAUSED
RUINOUS
FAMINE
SEVERAL
TIMES IN
ALGERIA.



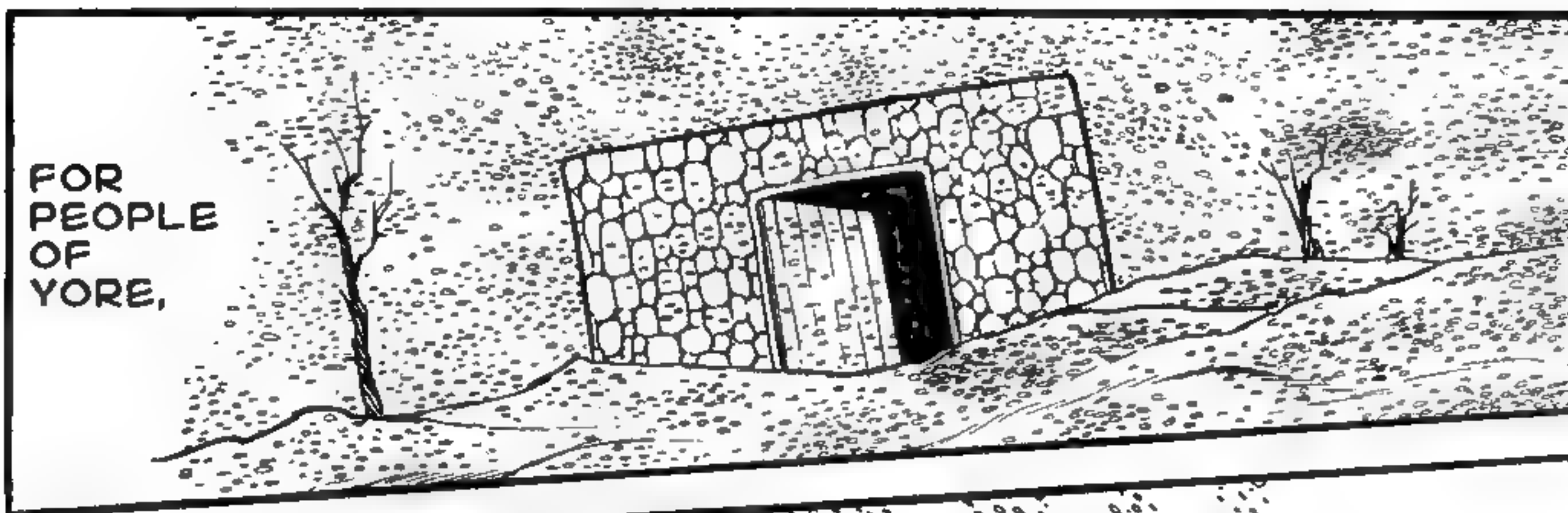
EVEN
TODAY,
IN THE
ERA OF
SCIENCE,



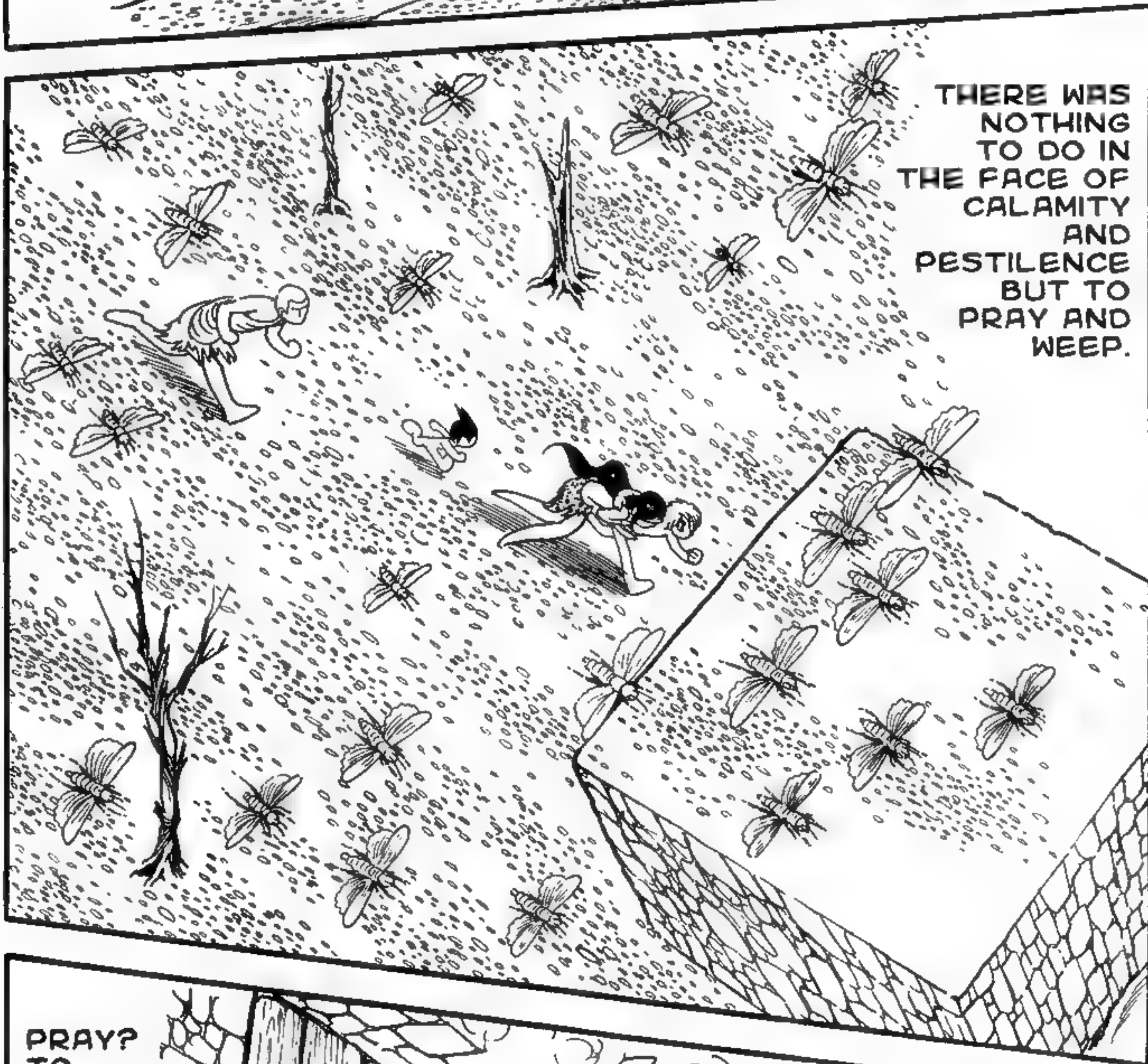
WE HAVE
NO WAY OF
COUNTERING
THIS NATURAL
THREAT.



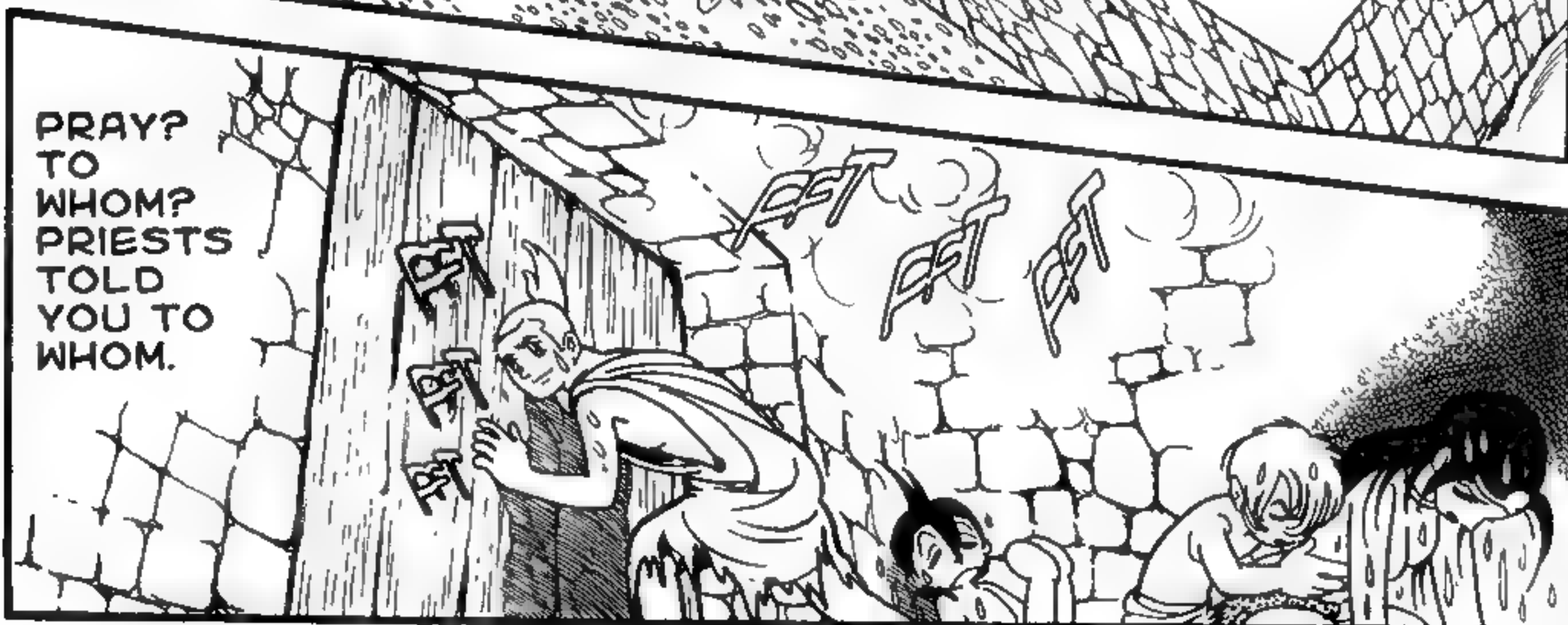
FOR
PEOPLE
OF
YORE,



THERE WAS
NOTHING
TO DO IN
THE FACE OF
CALAMITY
AND
PESTILENCE
BUT TO
PRAY AND
WEEP.



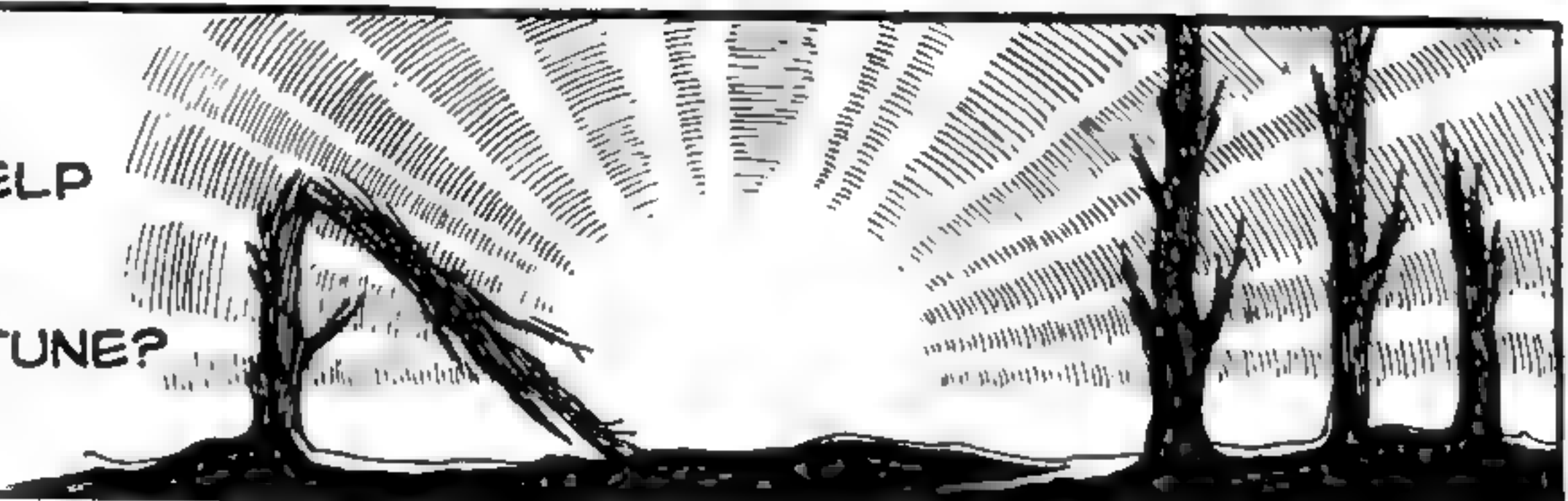
PRAY?
TO
WHOM?
PRIESTS
TOLD
YOU TO
WHOM.

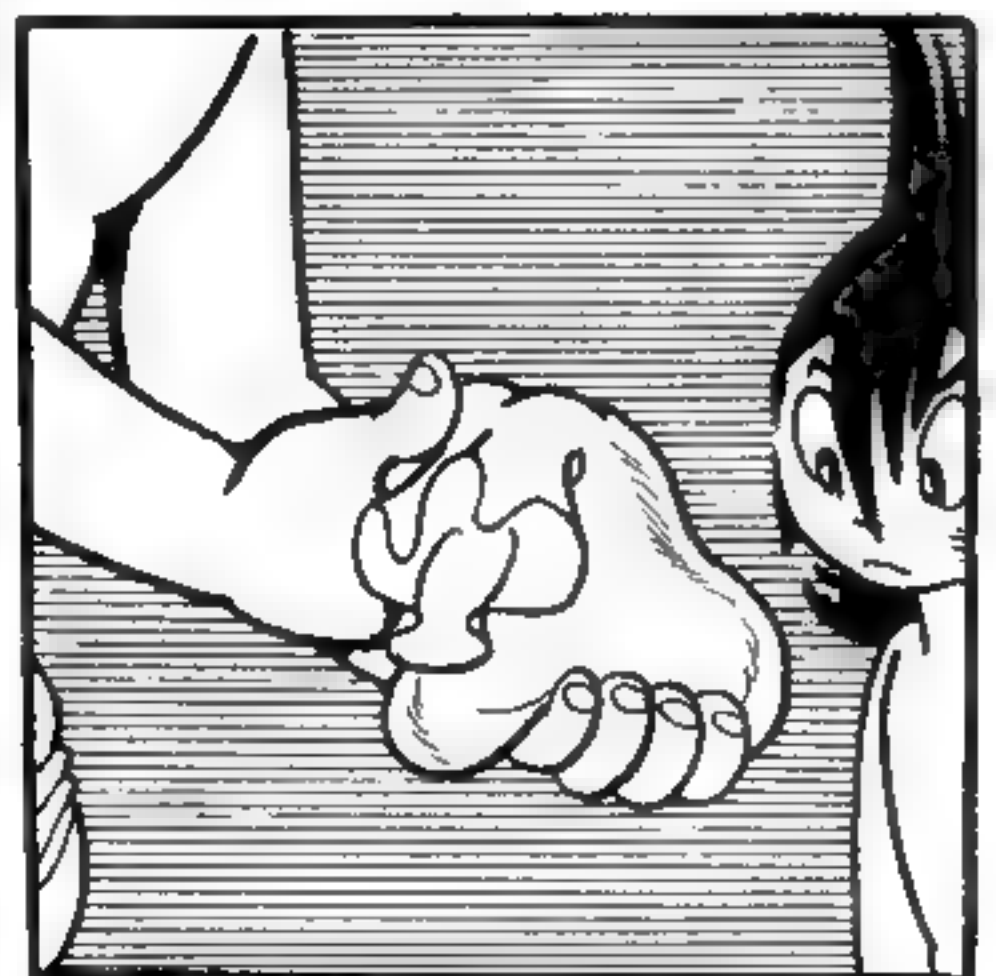
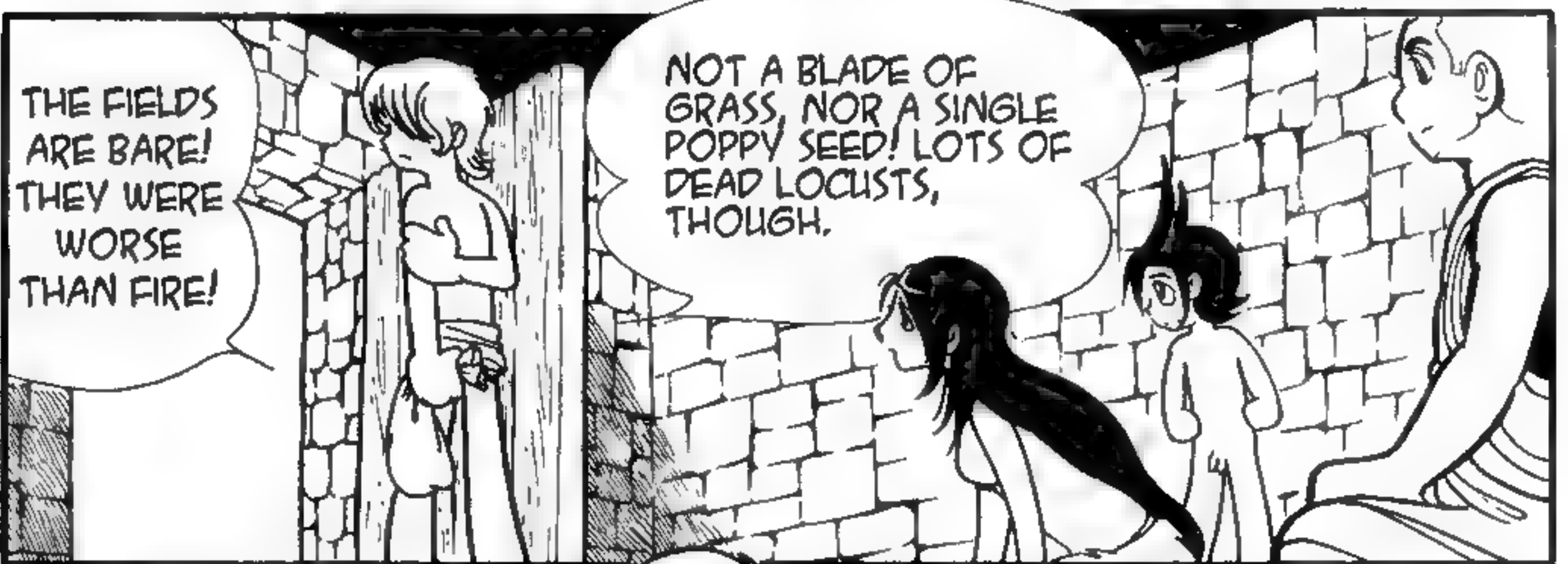
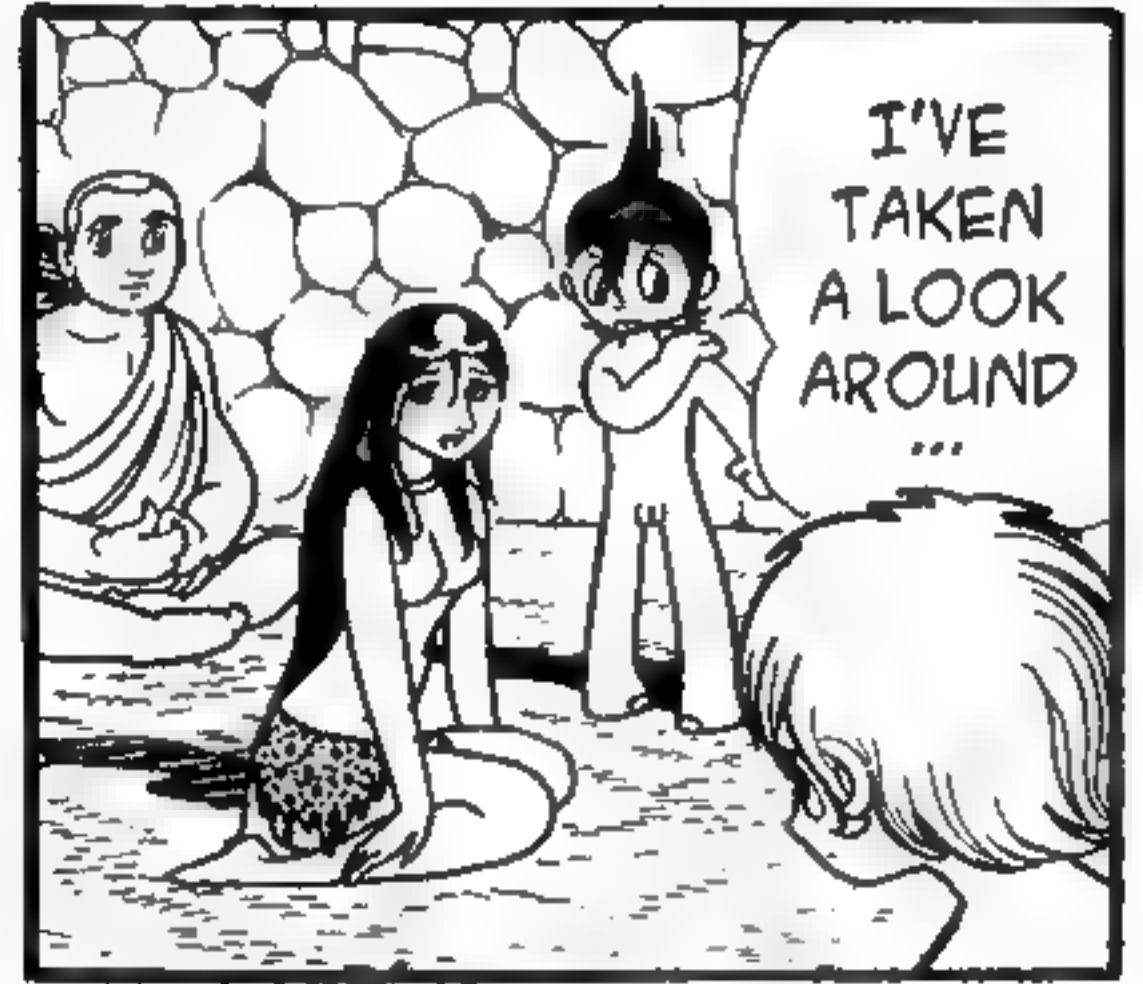
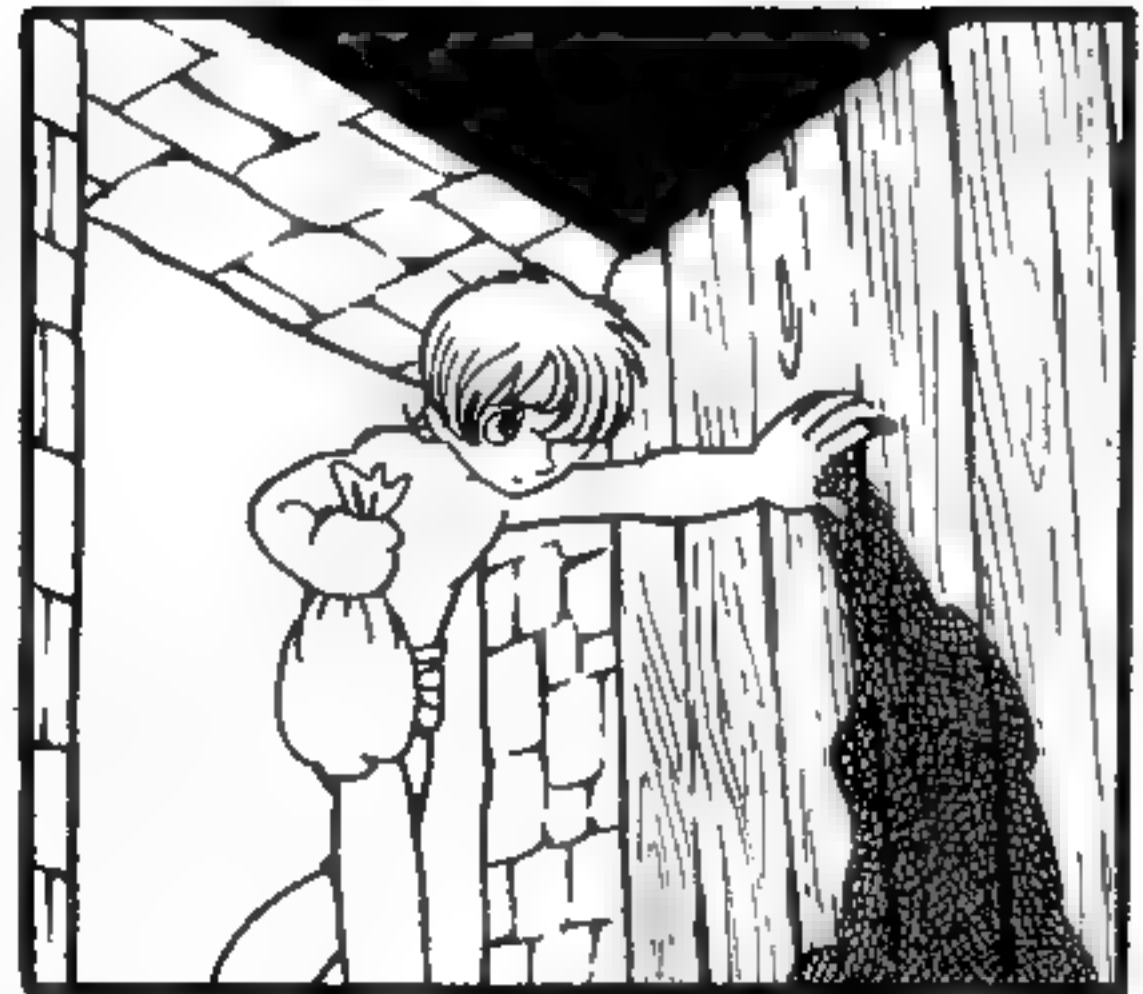
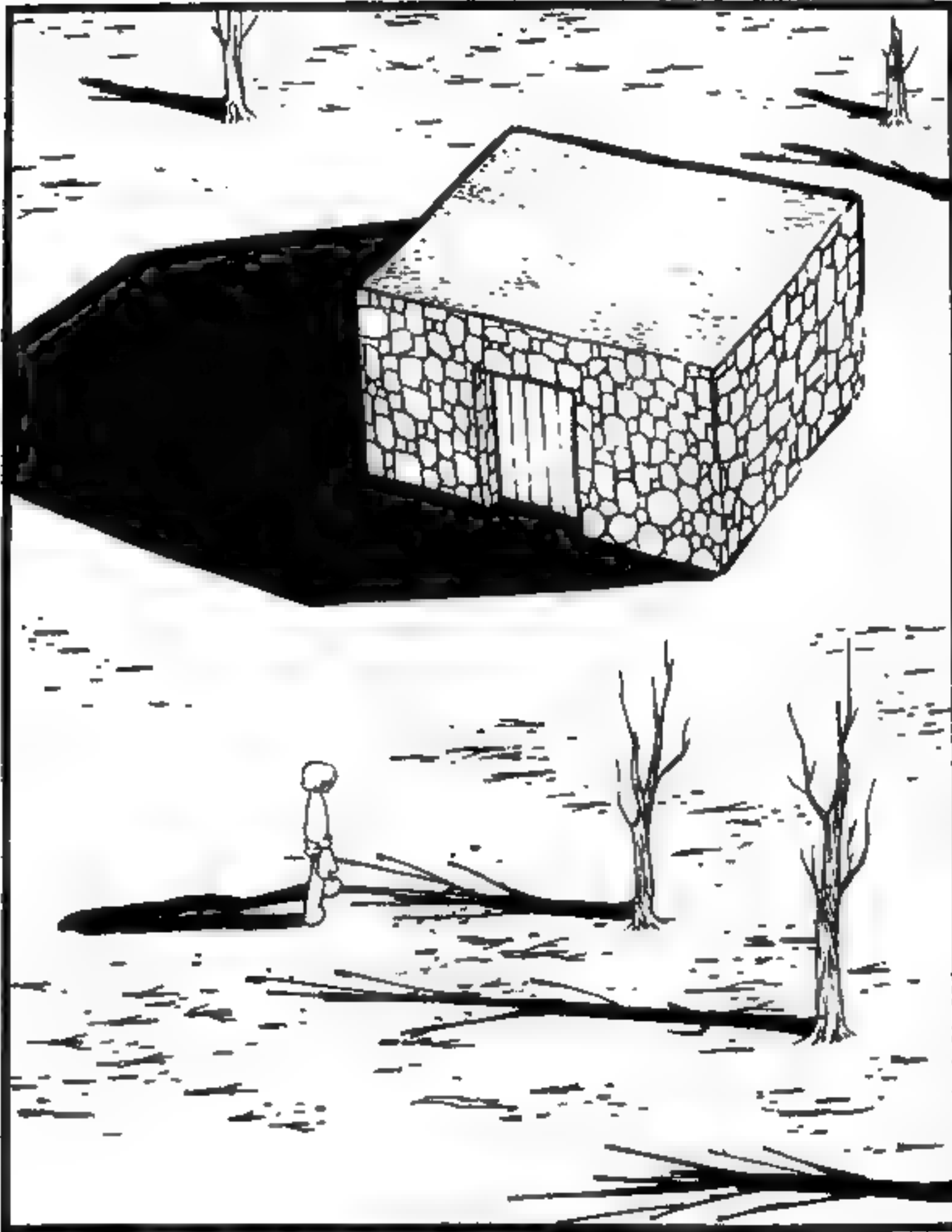


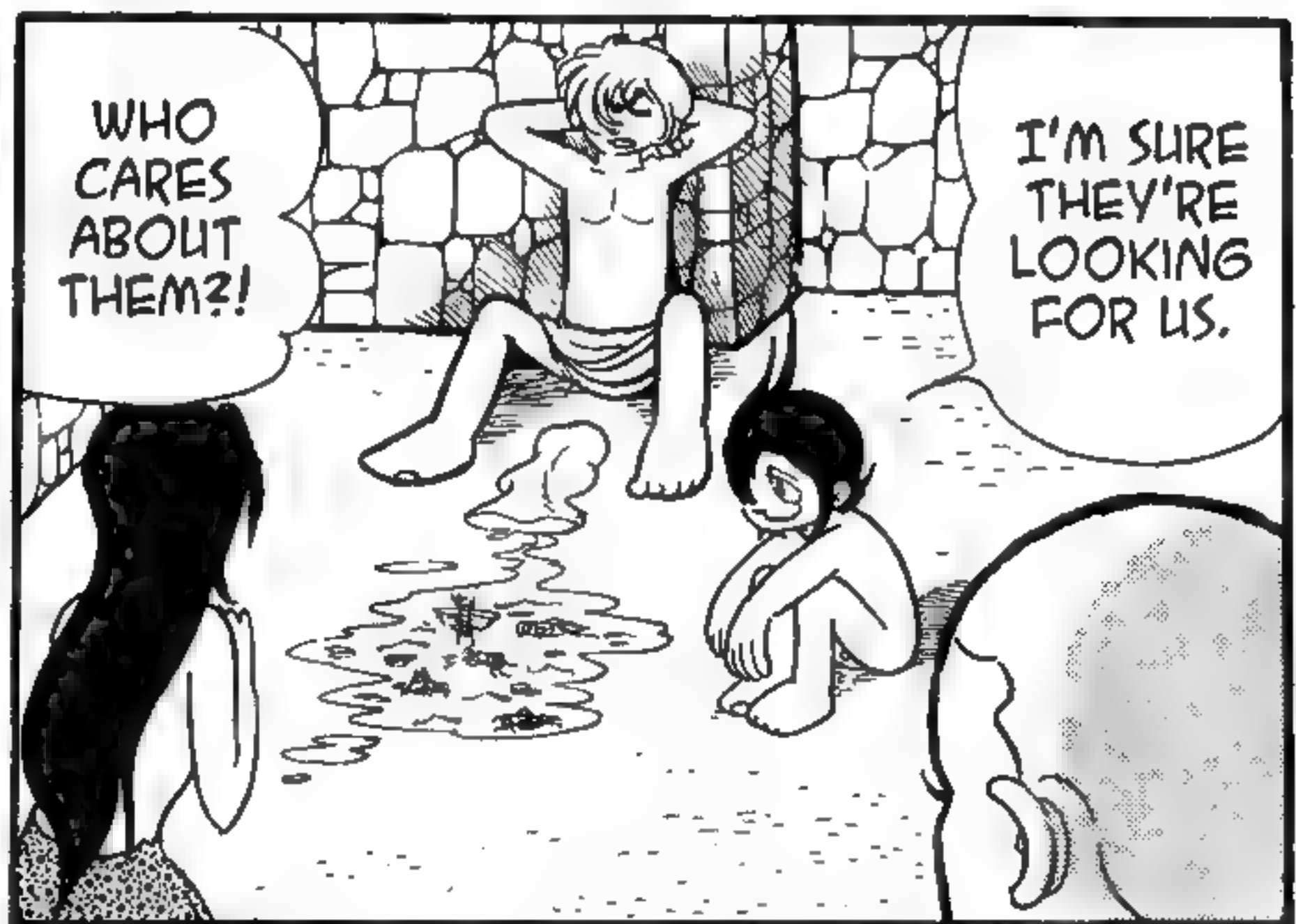
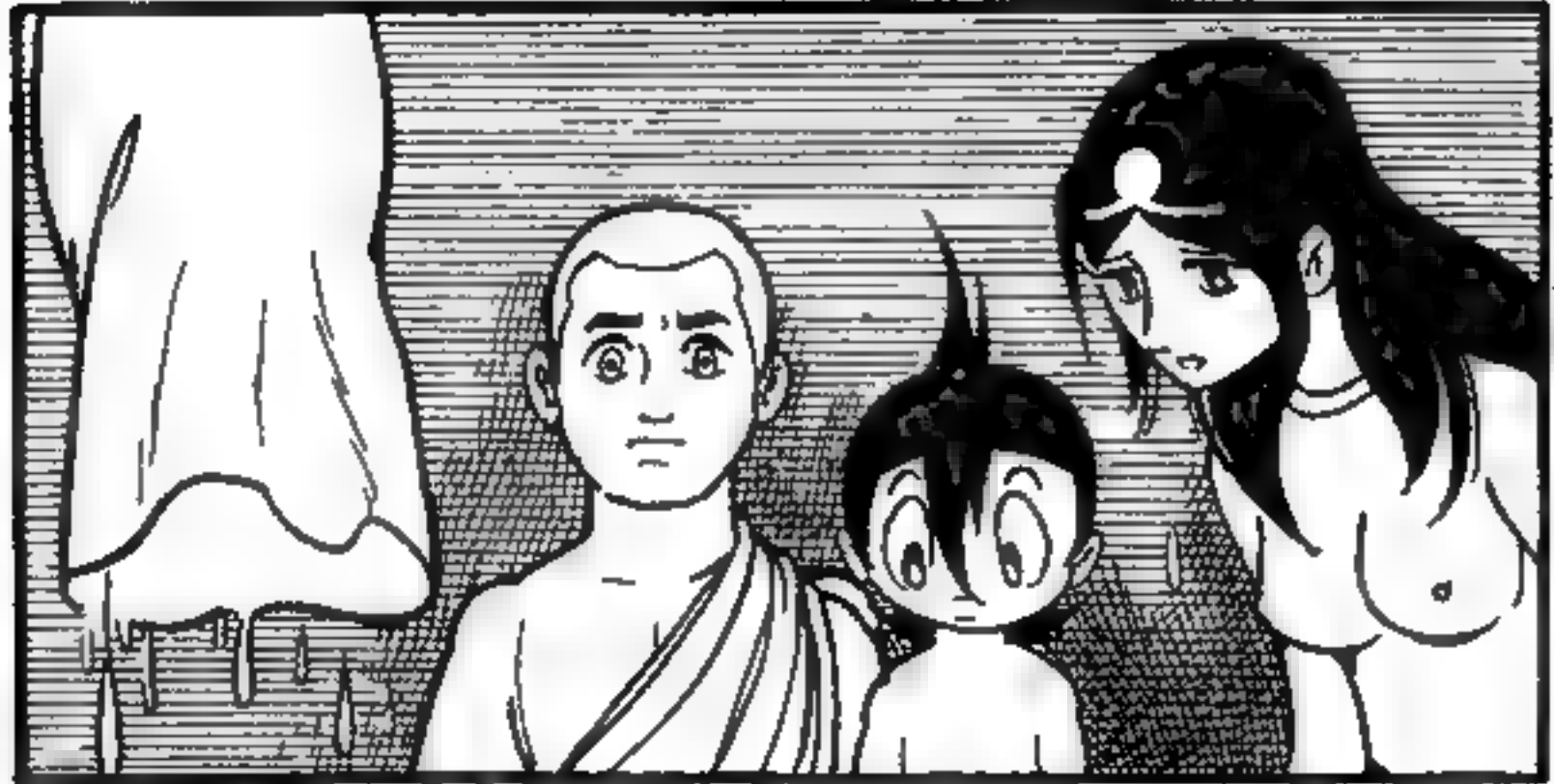


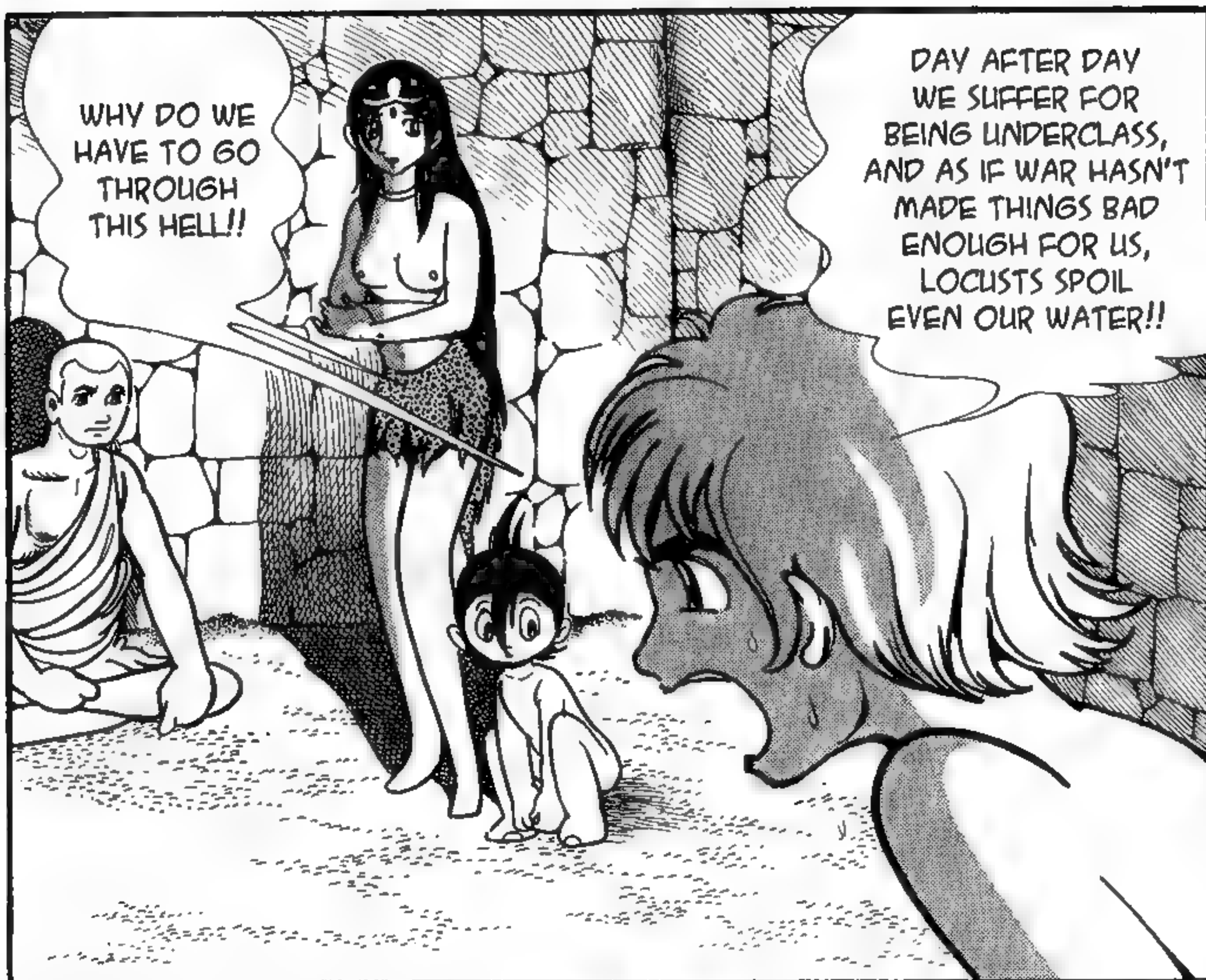
MONKS AND
PRIESTS
EXPLAINED
THAT
NATURE'S
MYSTERIES
AND
TERRIFYING
POWER WERE
THE WORK OF
GODS. THEY
TAUGHT
PEOPLE TO
CELEBRATE,
SERVE AND
PRAY TO
THESE GODS.

BUT DID
THAT HELP
THEM
ESCAPE
MISFORTUNE?









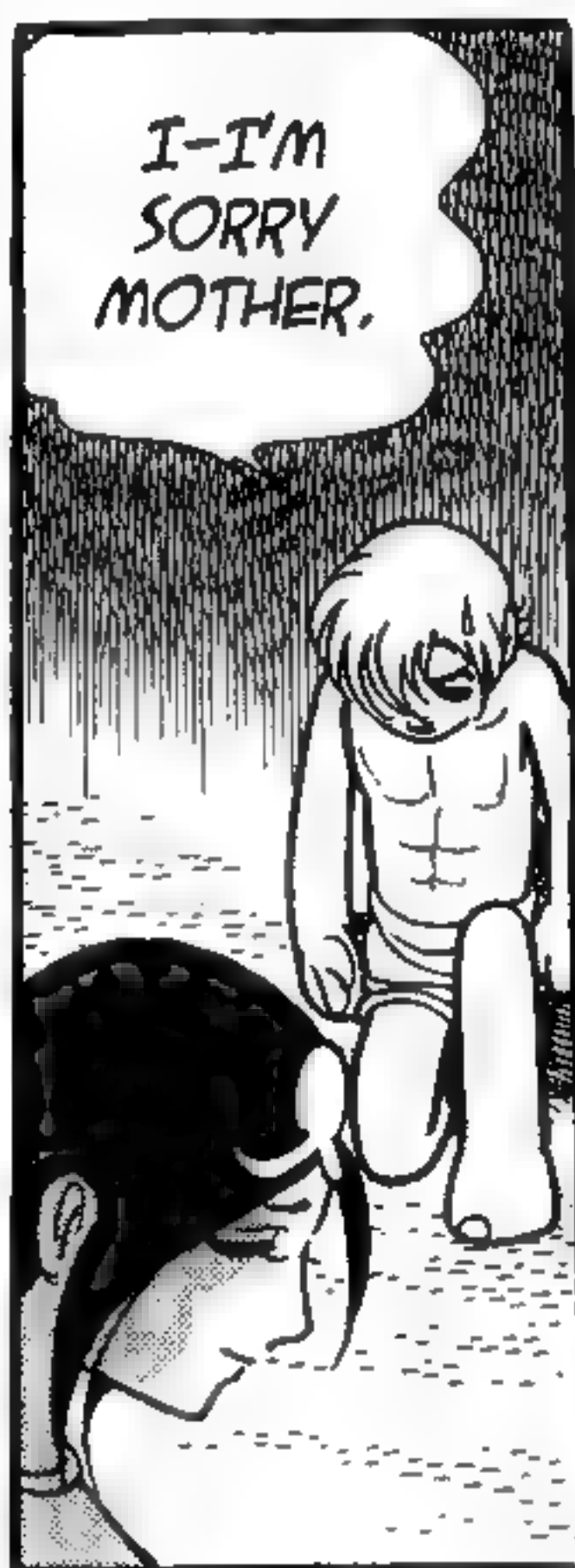
WHY DO WE
HAVE TO GO
THROUGH
THIS HELL!!

DAY AFTER DAY
WE SUFFER FOR
BEING UNDERCLASS,
AND AS IF WAR HASN'T
MADE THINGS BAD
ENOUGH FOR US,
LOCUSTS SPOIL
EVEN OUR WATER!!



WHAT'S
THE POINT
OF LIFE?
WHY'D YOU
GIVE BIRTH
TO ME,
MOM?
HUH?

WHAT
FOR
?!



I-I'M
SORRY
MOTHER.



MY
DEAR
BOY.



MOTHER,
WHY
CAN'T
WE BE
FREE
AT
LEAST
?

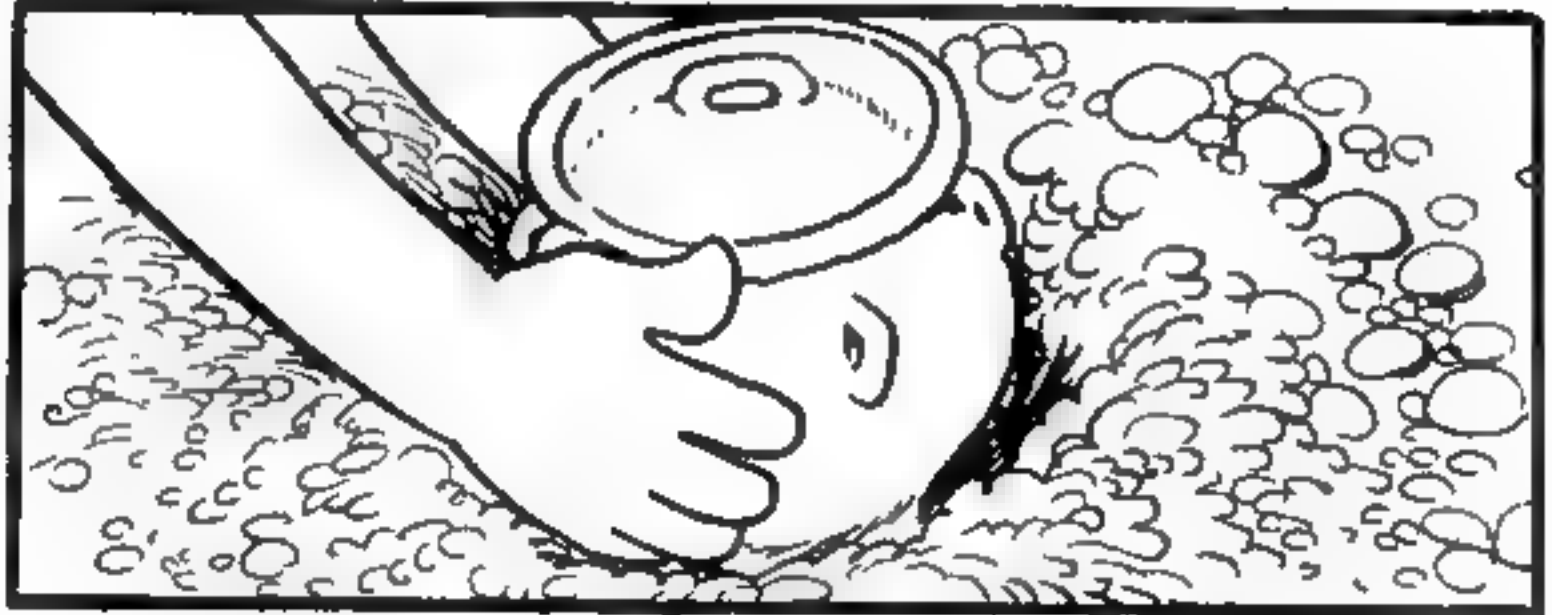


MOTHER, JUST WAIT
AND SEE. ONE DAY
I'M GOING TO
DRESS YOU IN
GOLD AND GIVE
YOU A PALACE WITH
A POOL AND
MAKE-UP CHAMBER!
I SWEAR!!

I PROMISE!!

OH,
MY
BOY!

HEY,
CHAPRA!!
WE GOT
SOMETHING
HERE!



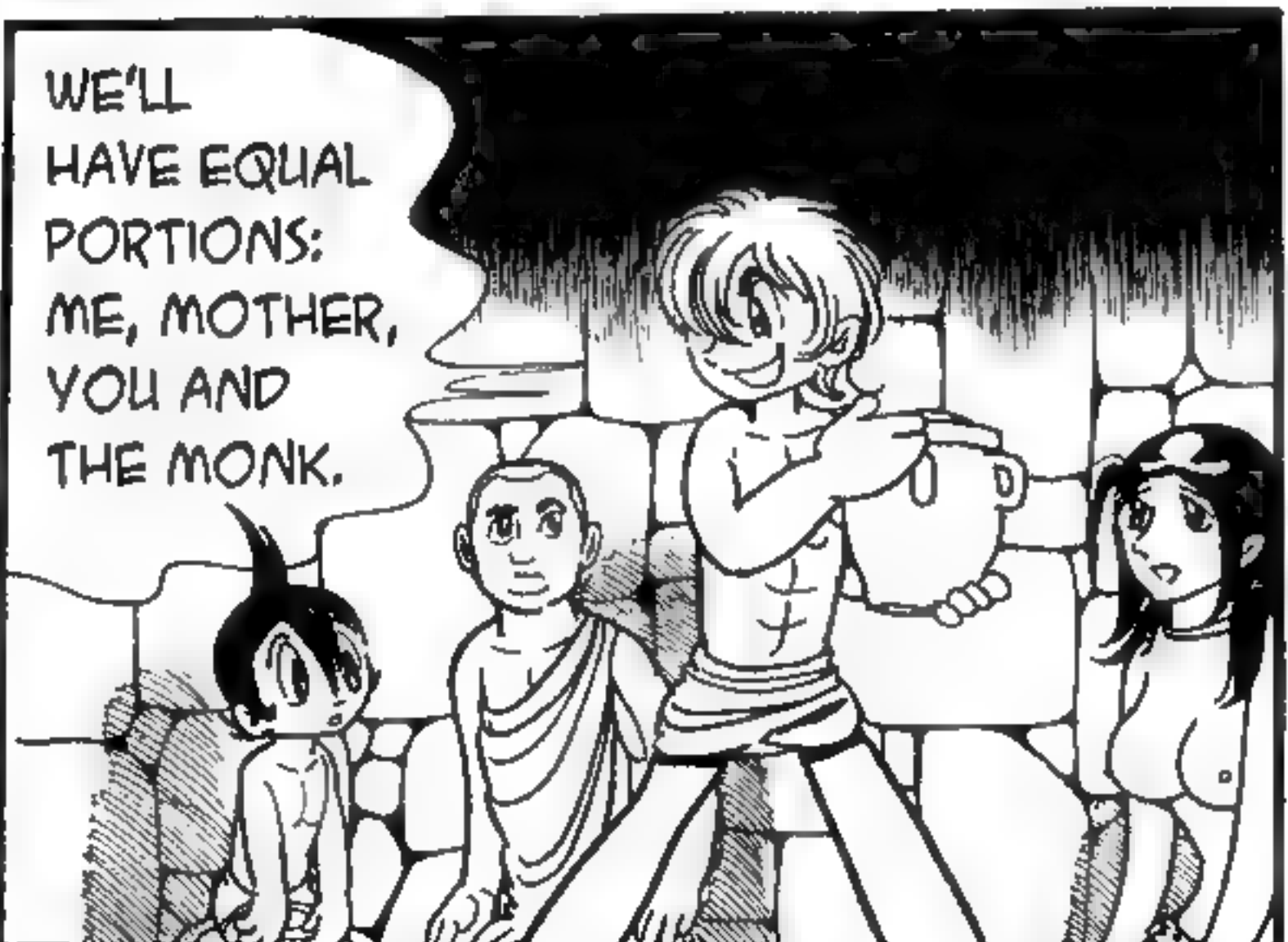
CHECK
IT
OUT.

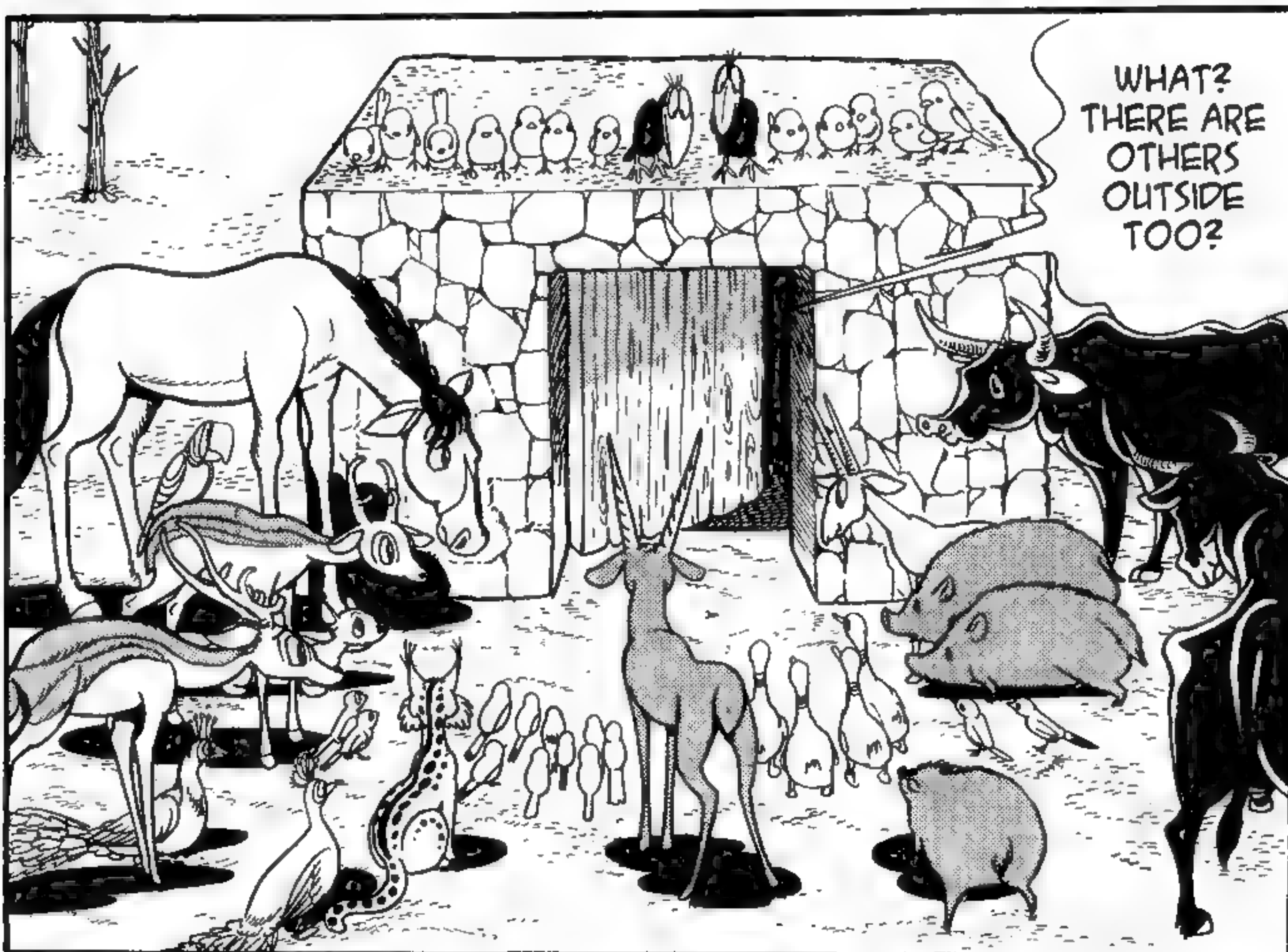
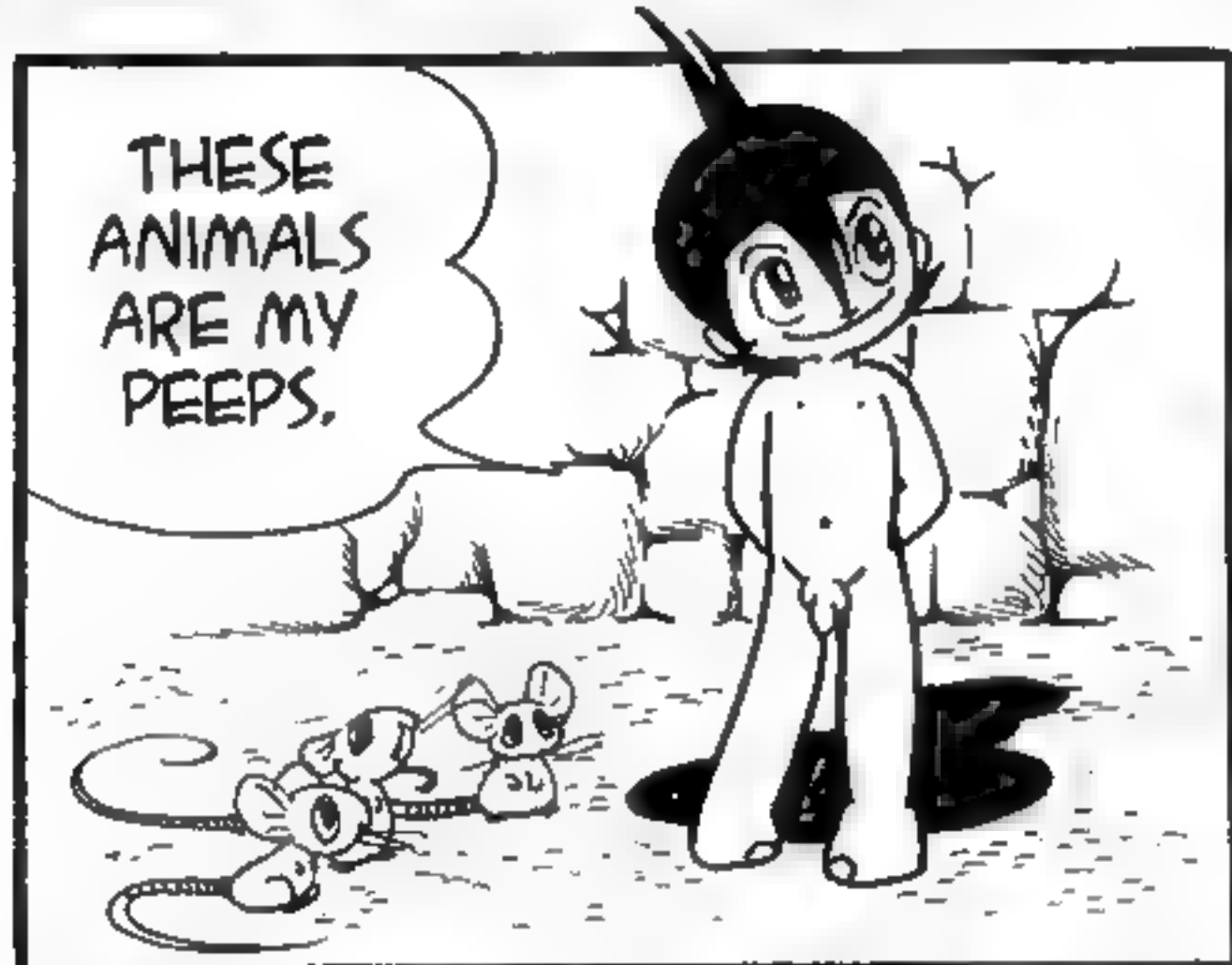
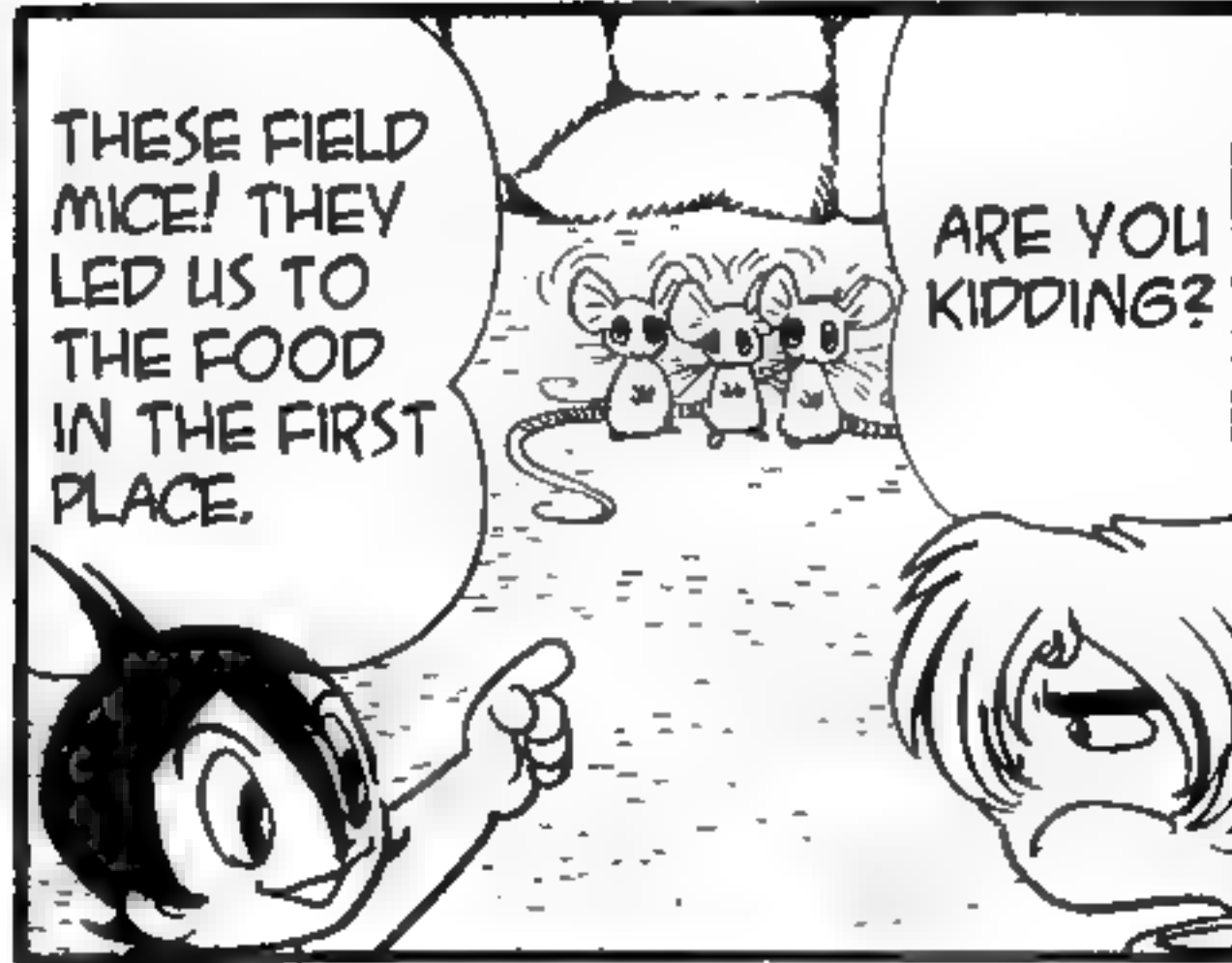
IT'S
GRAIN!
FOOD!

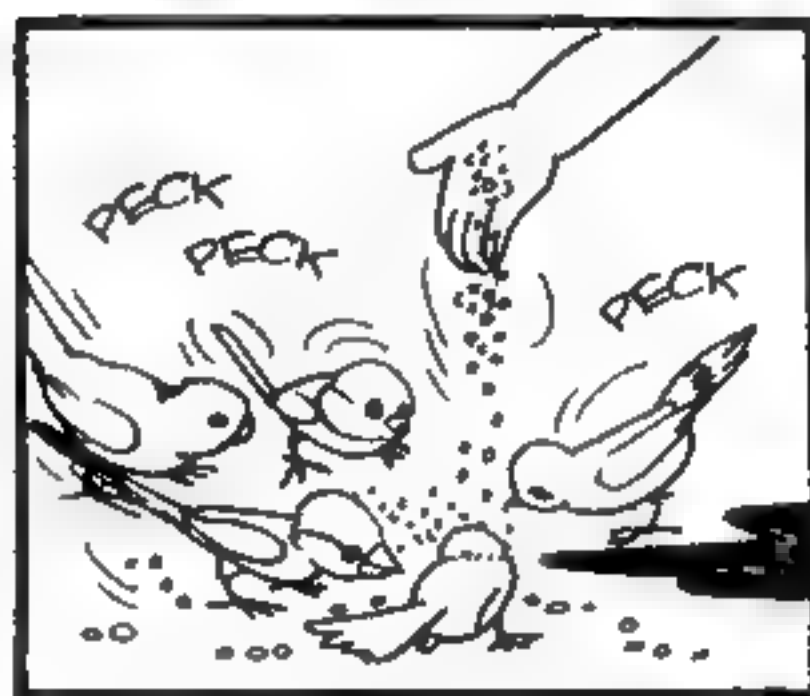


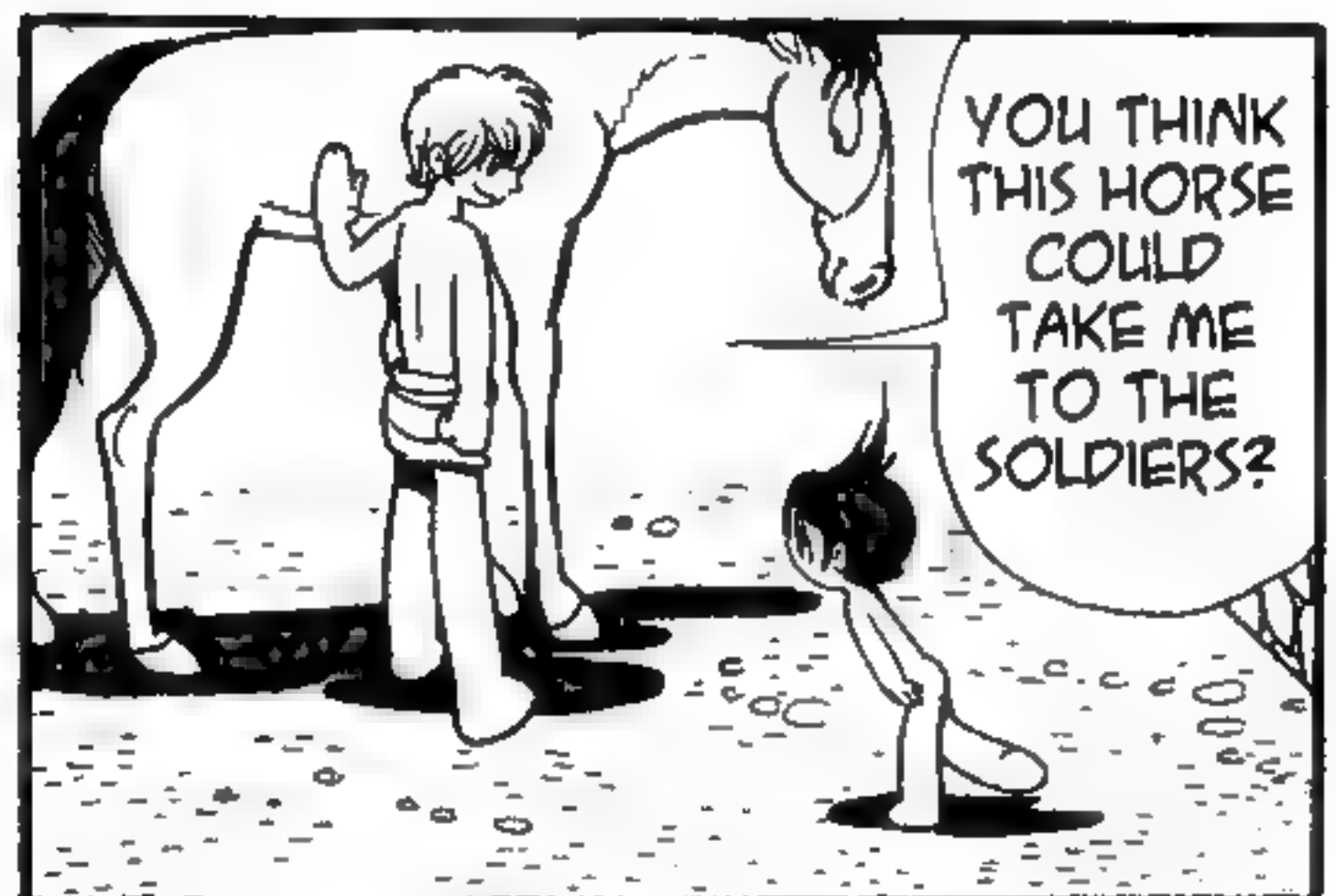
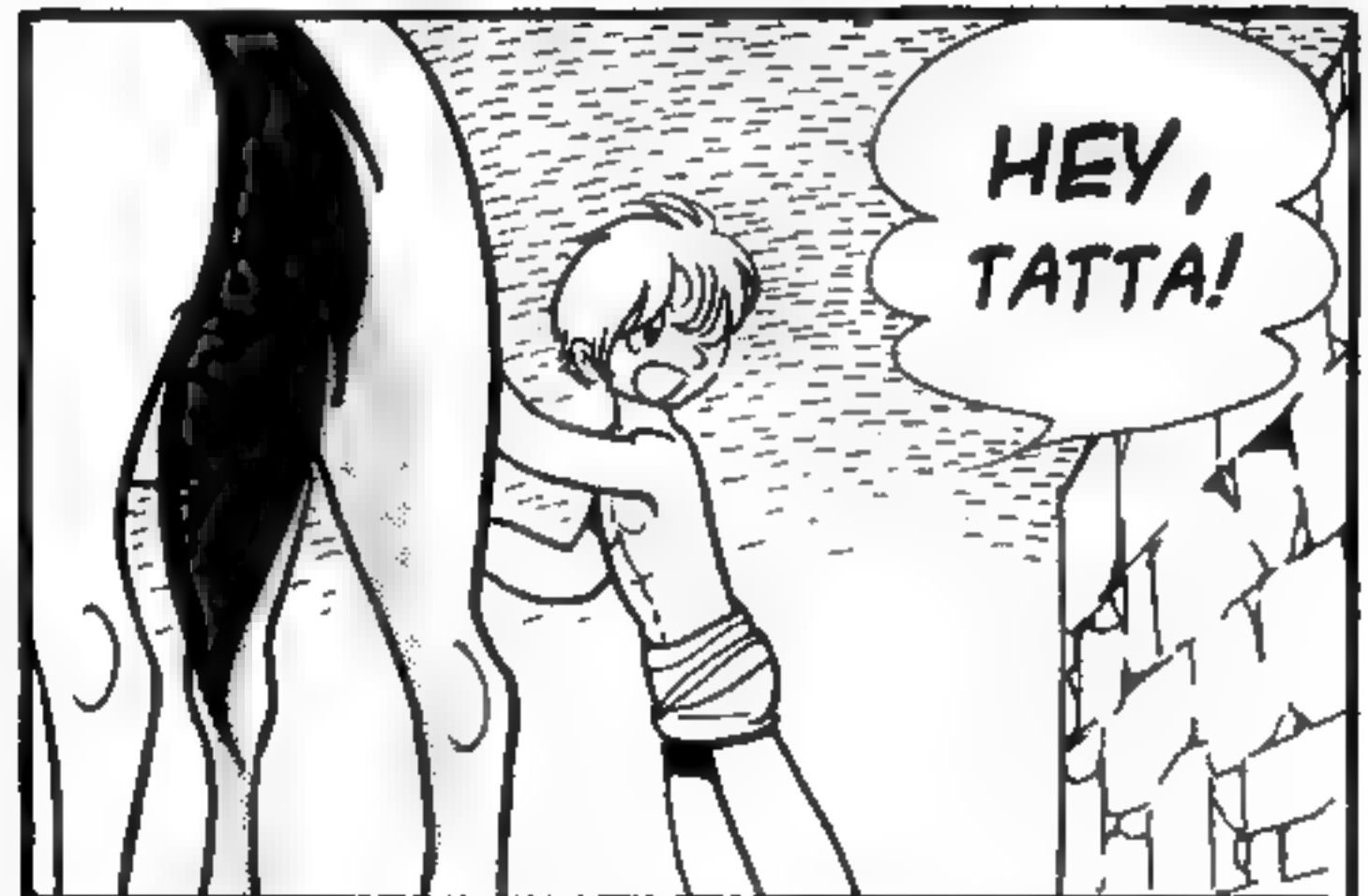
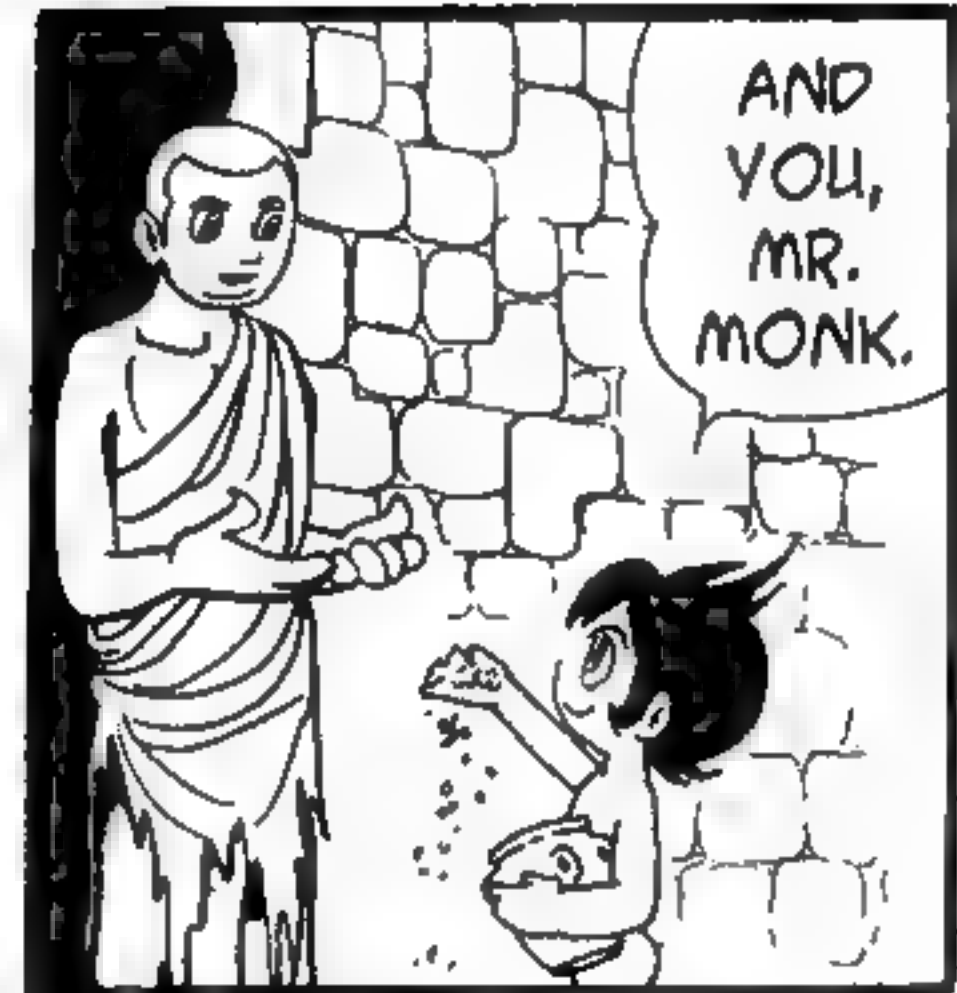
GIVE ME THAT!

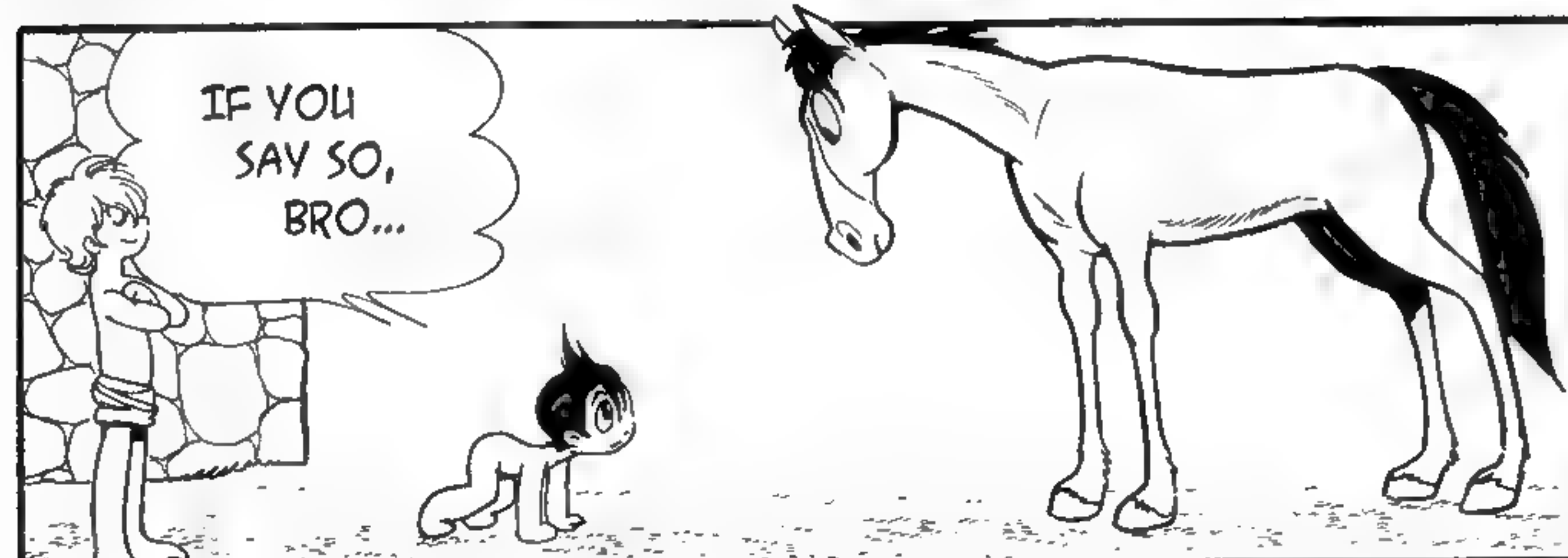
WE'LL
HAVE EQUAL
PORTIONS:
ME, MOTHER,
YOU AND
THE MONK.

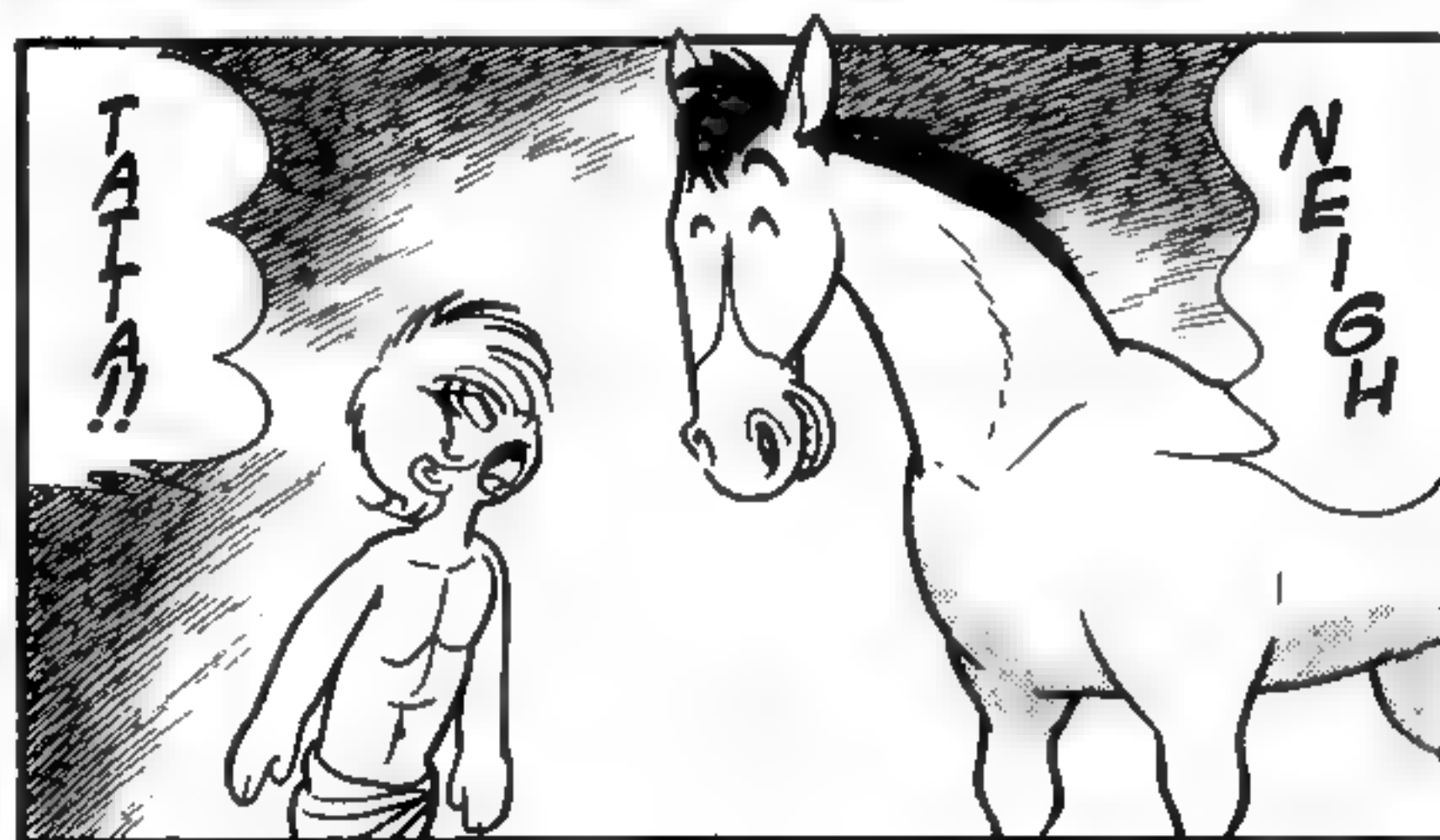
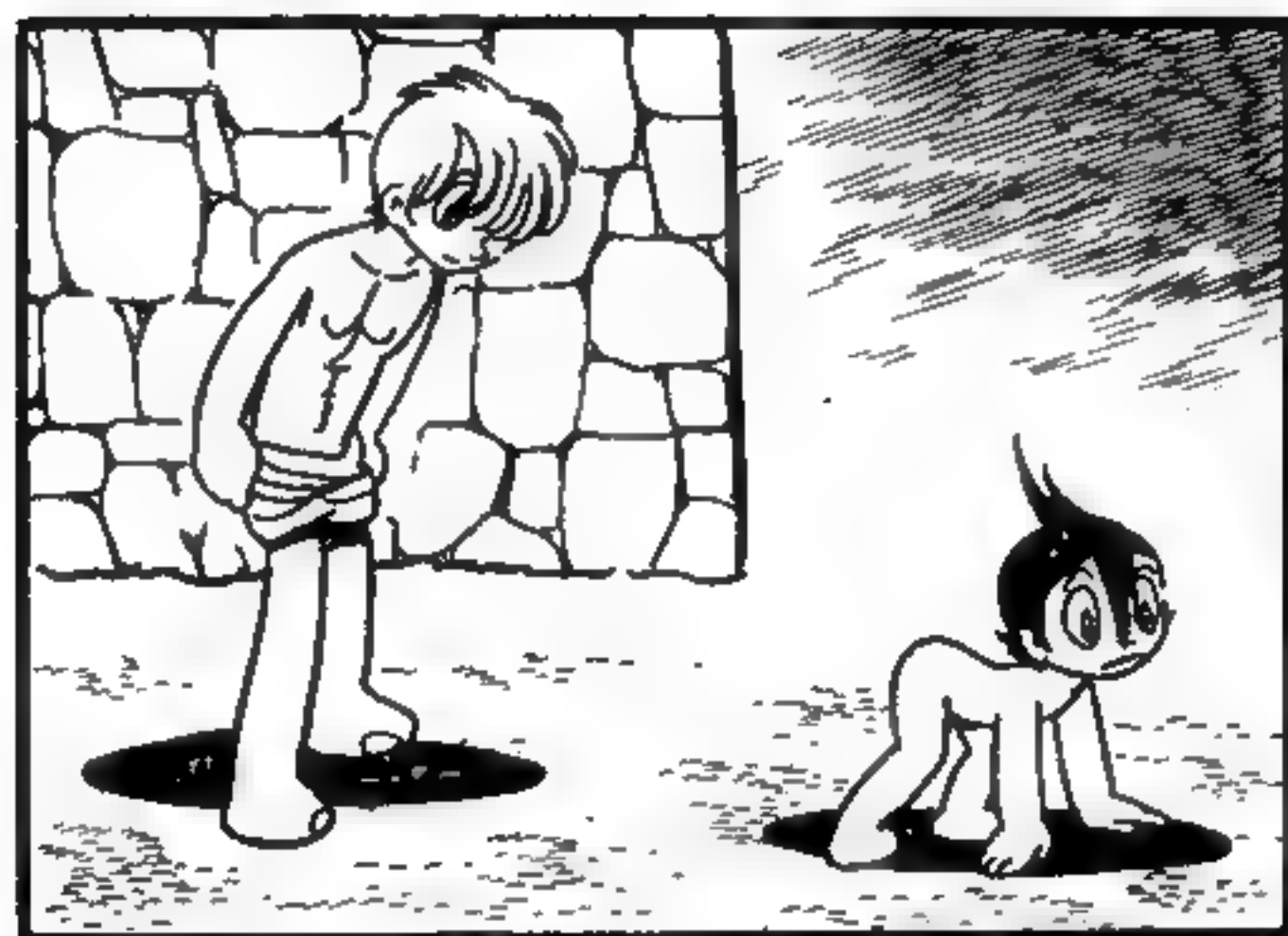
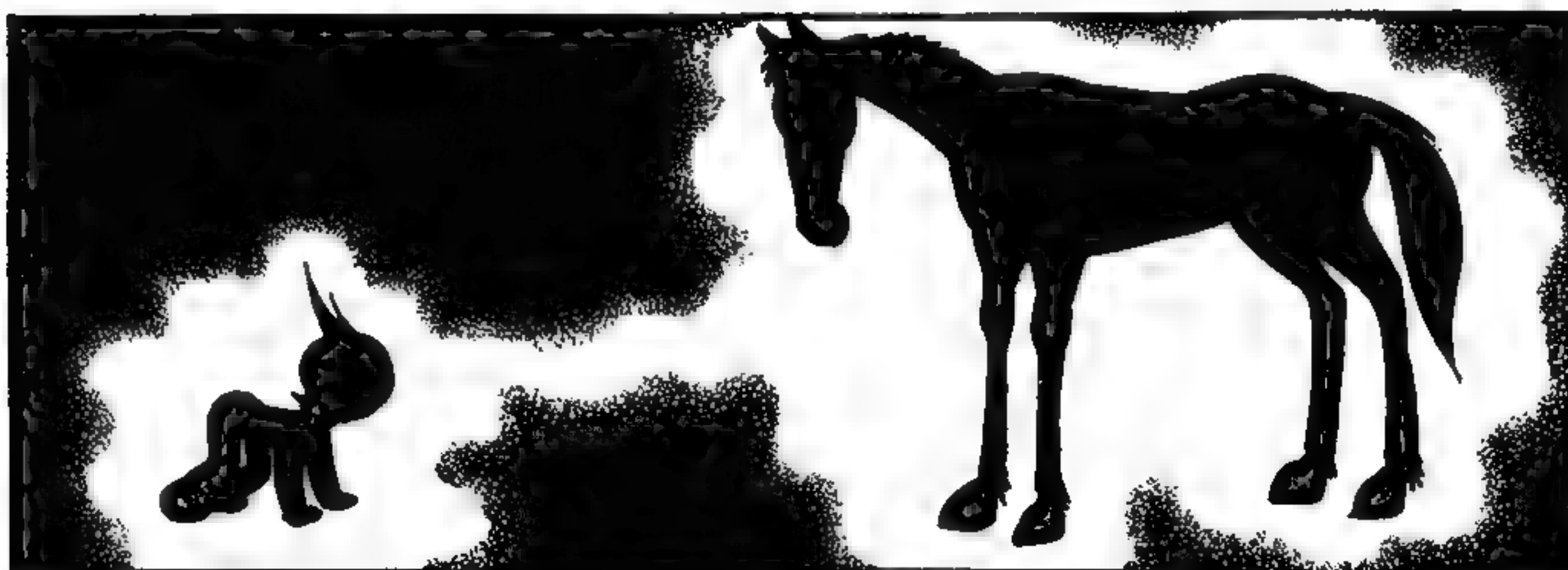
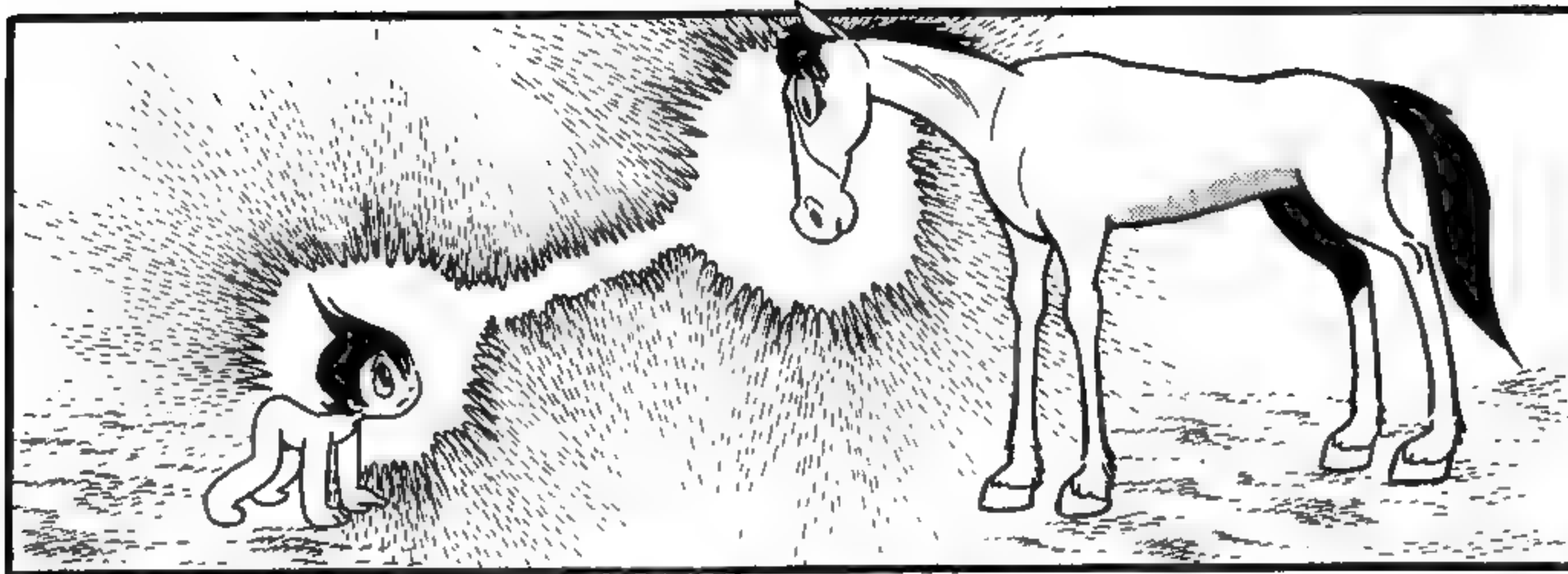


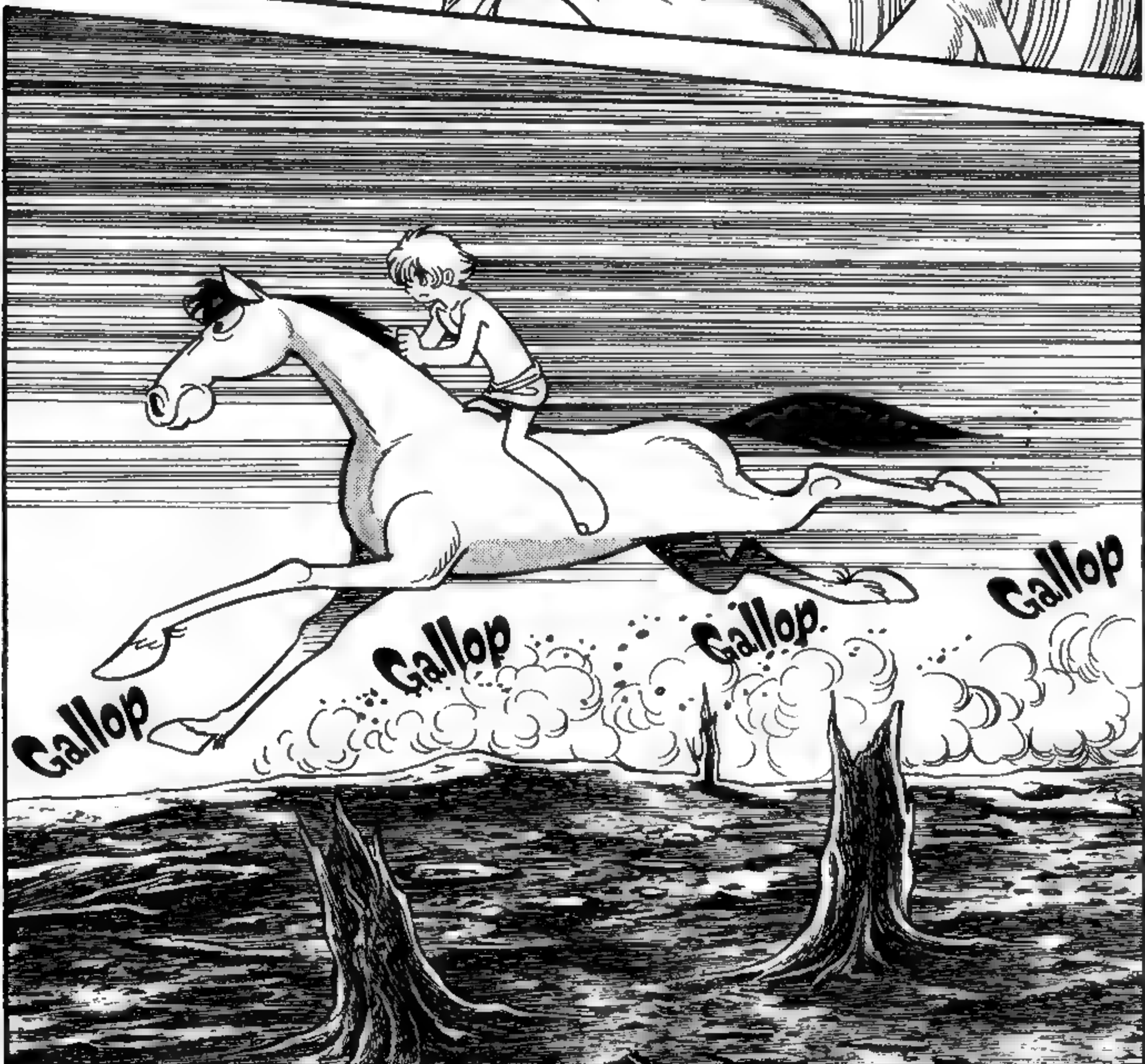
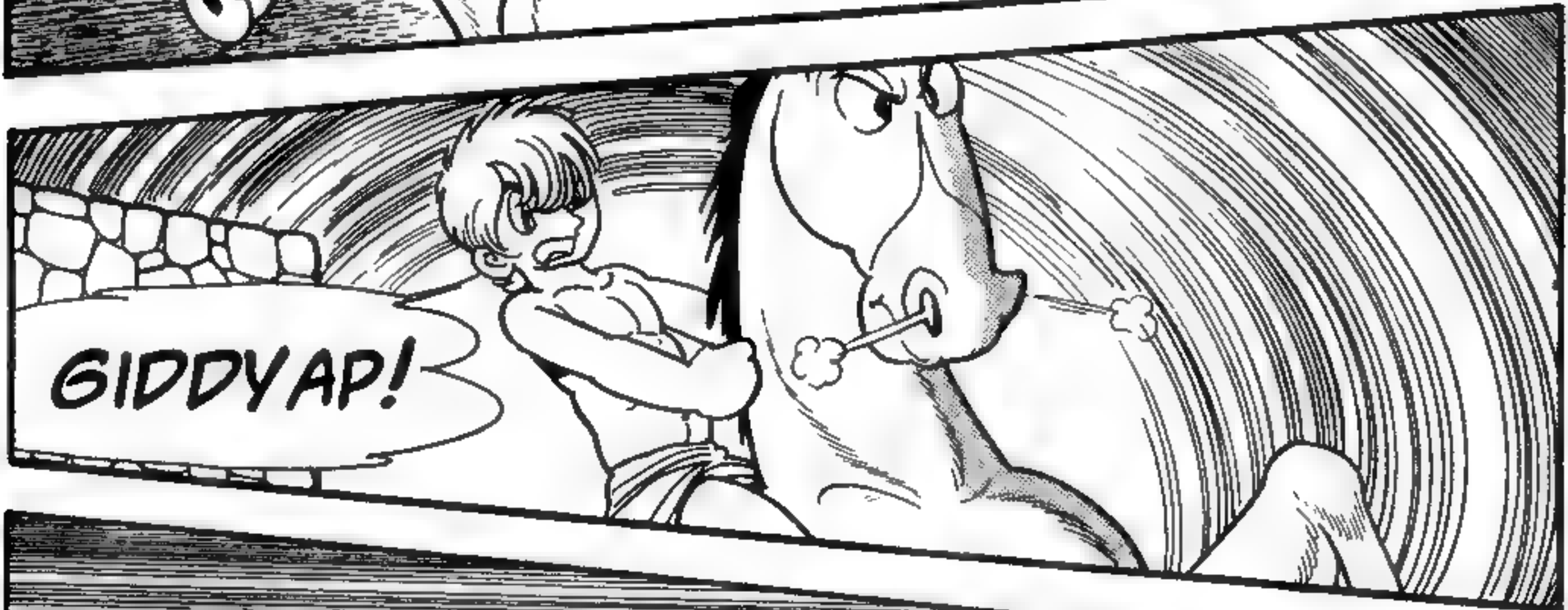
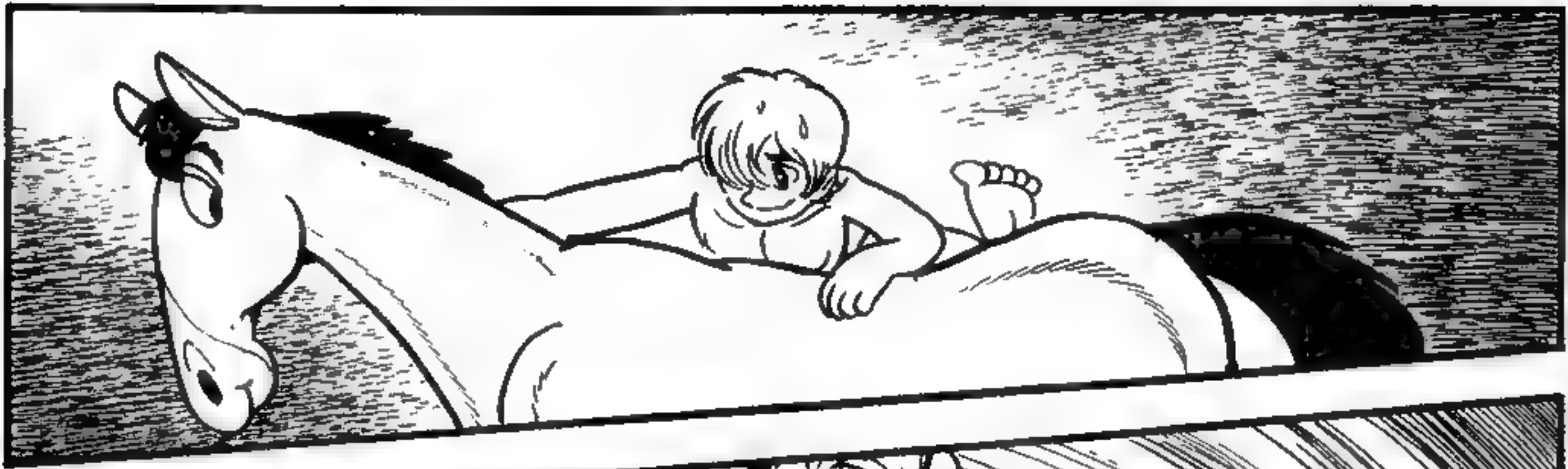






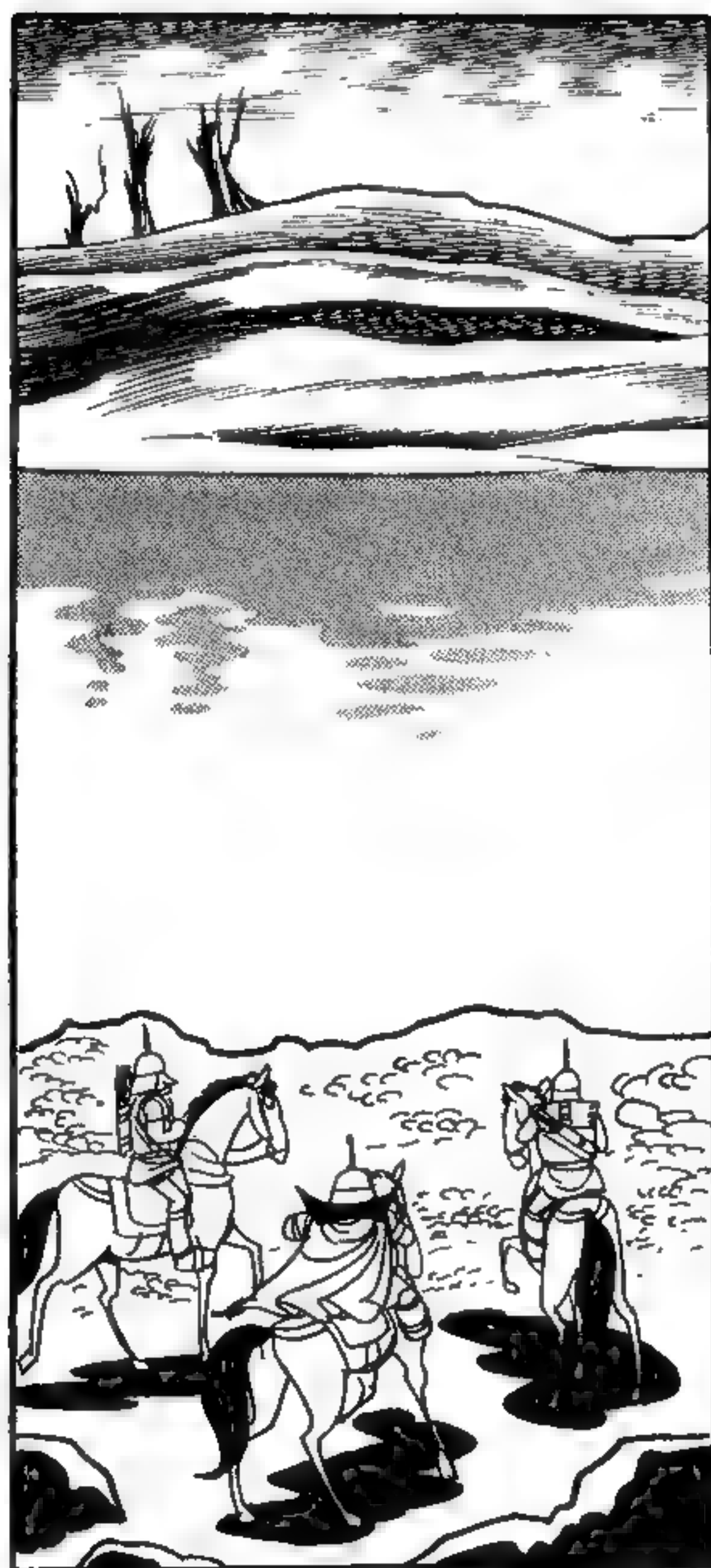


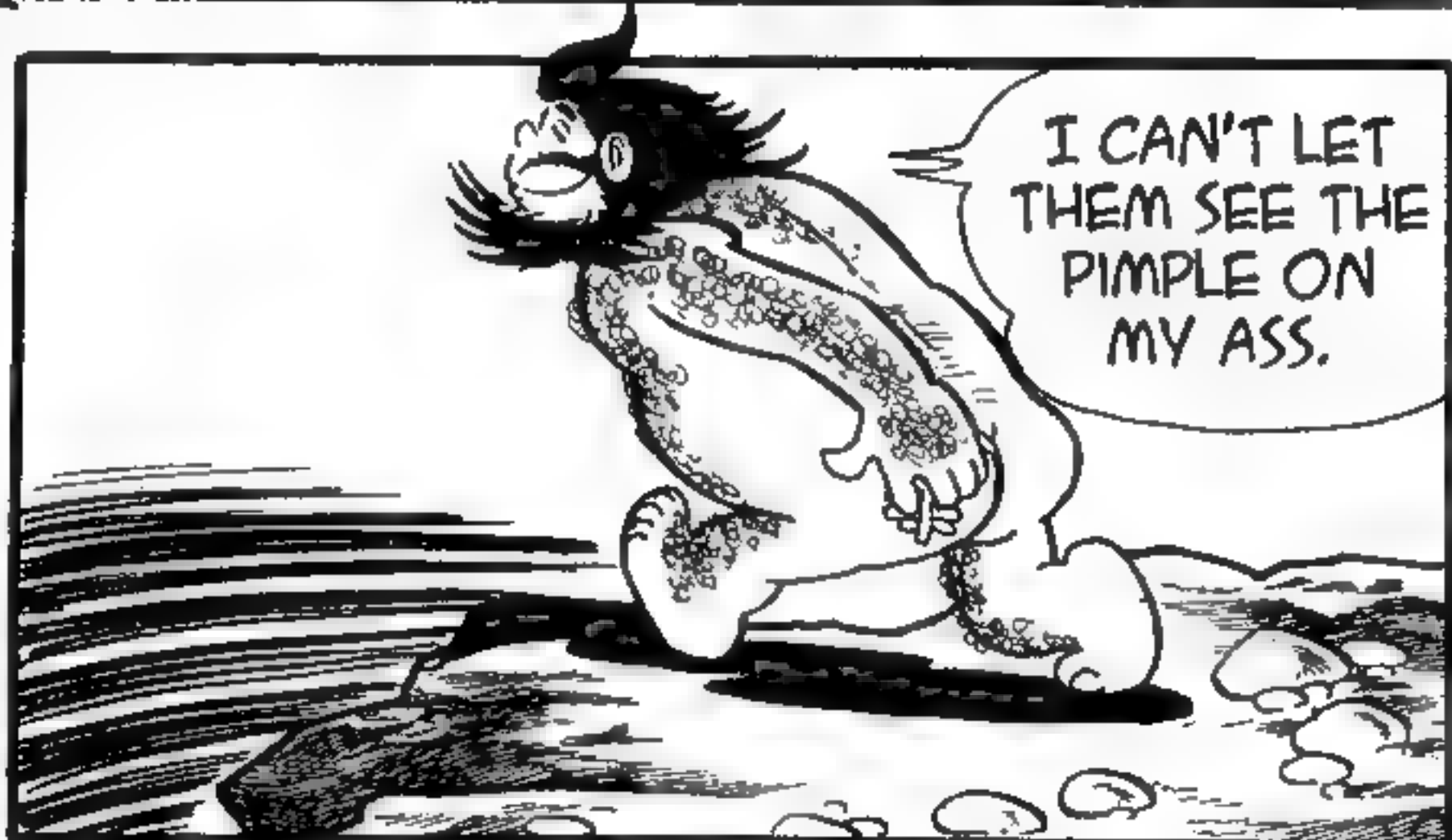
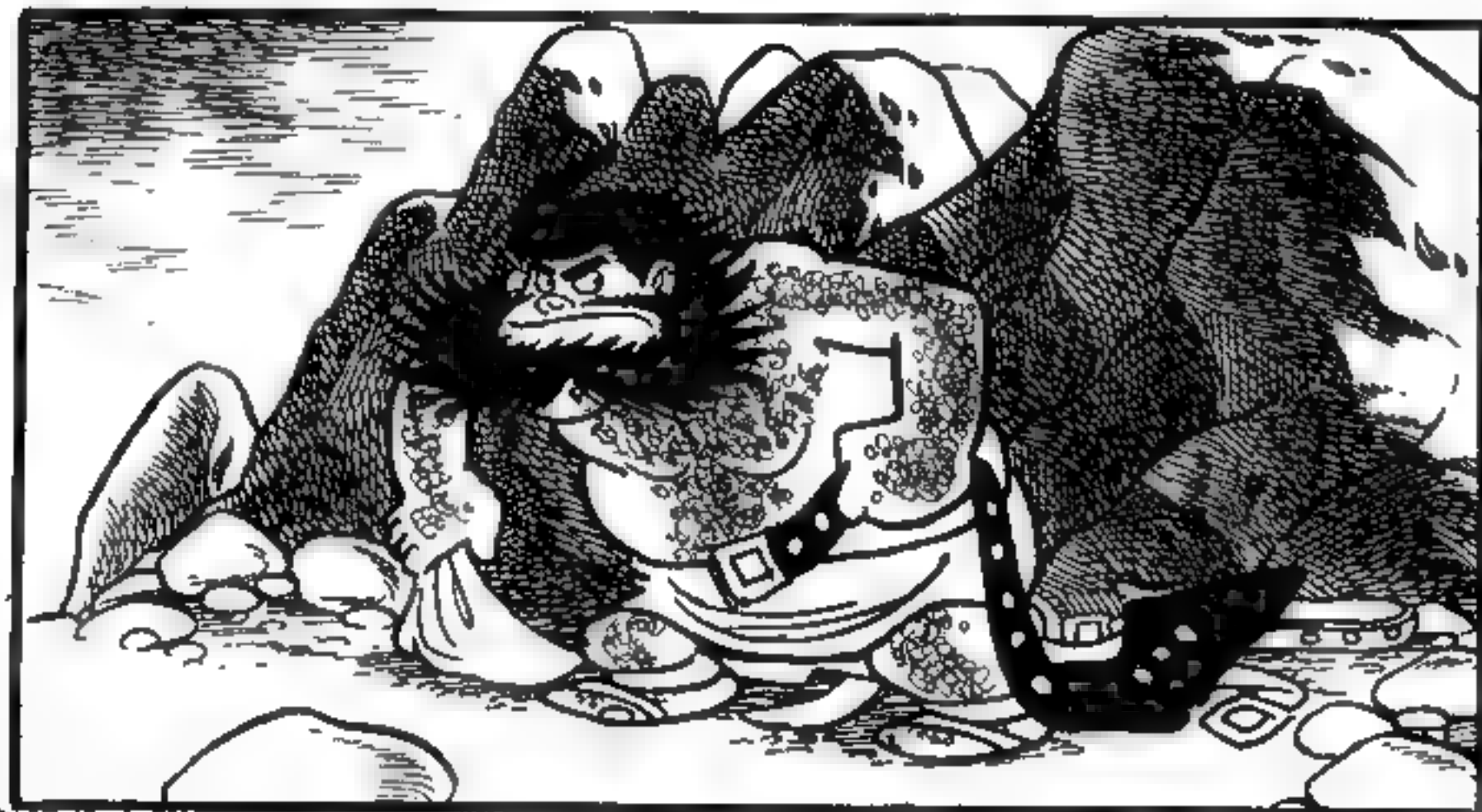
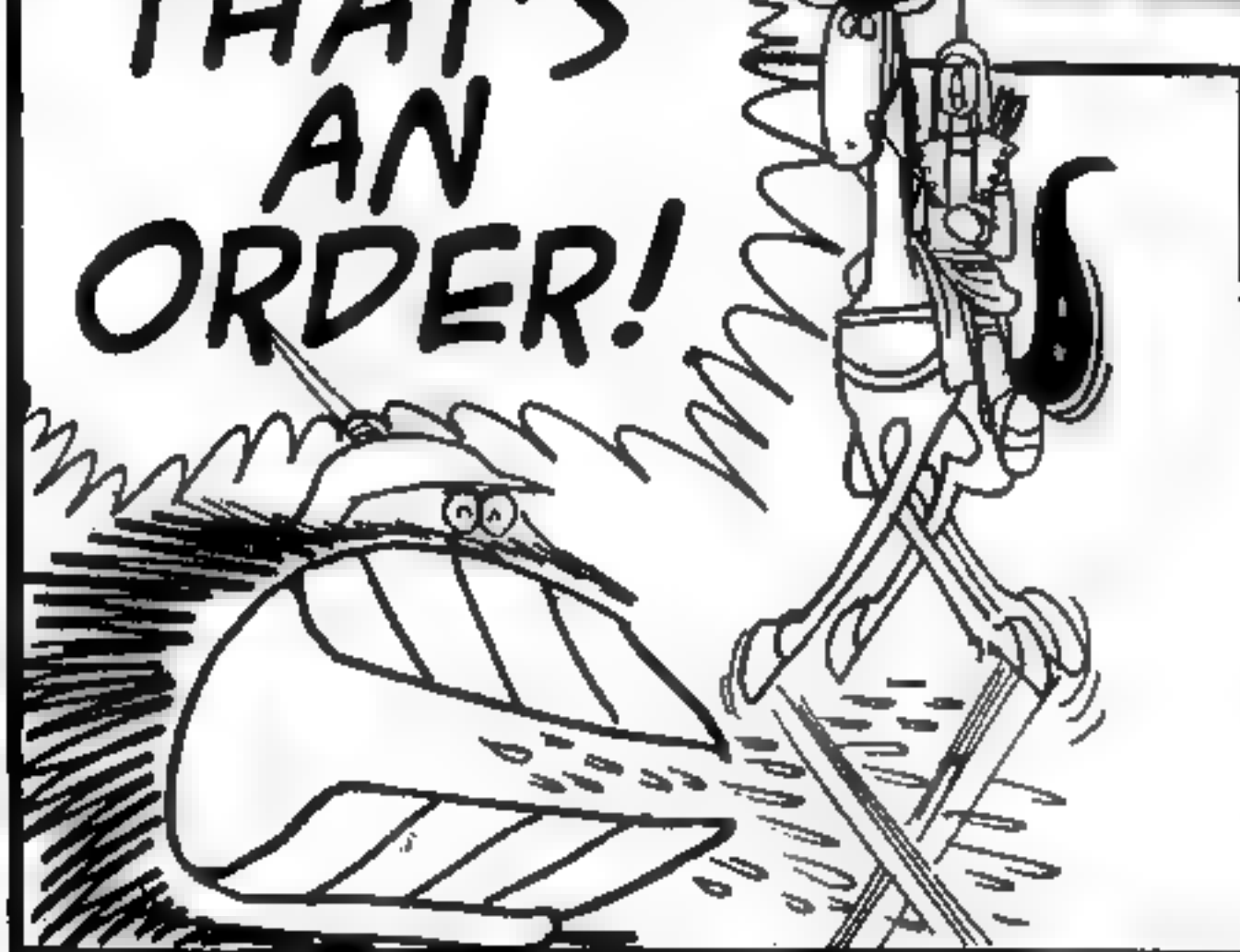


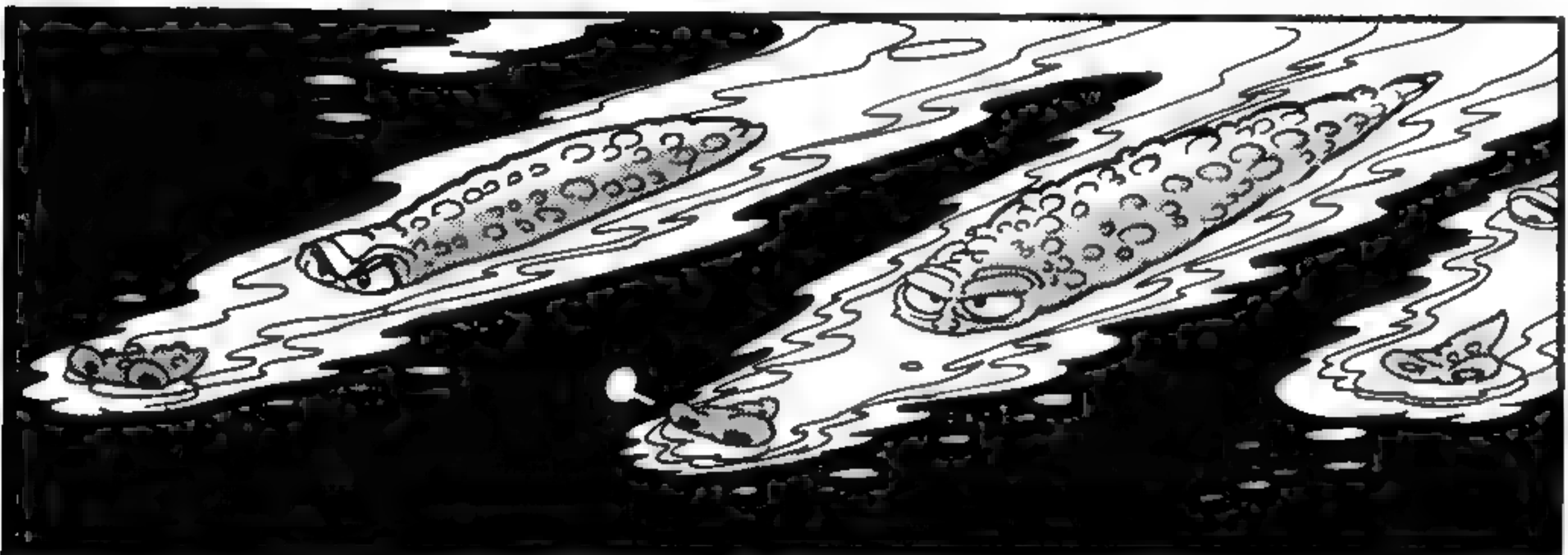
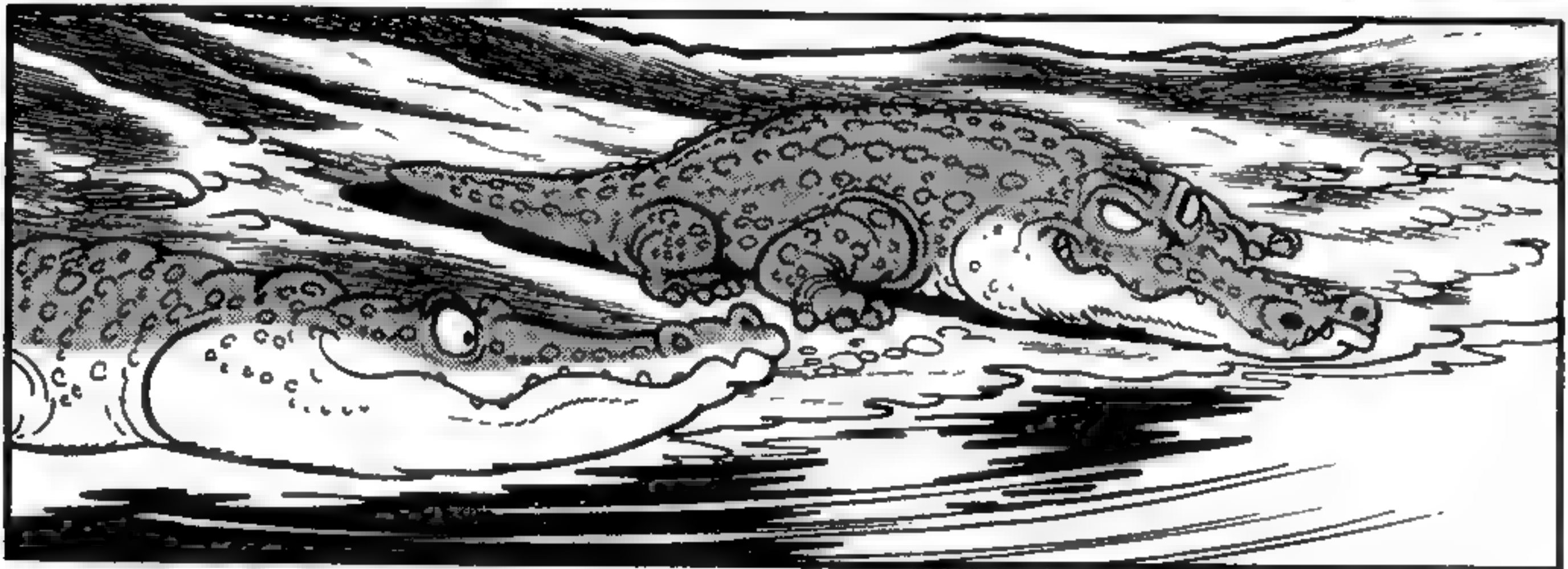




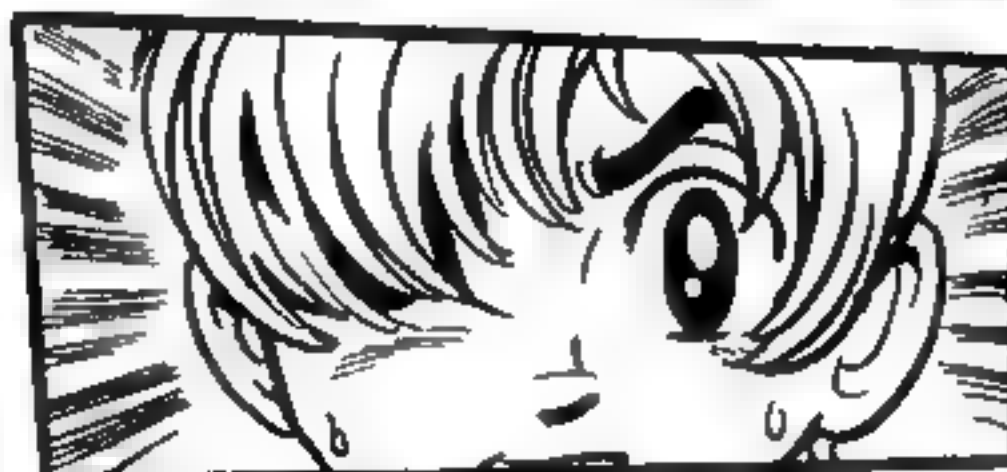
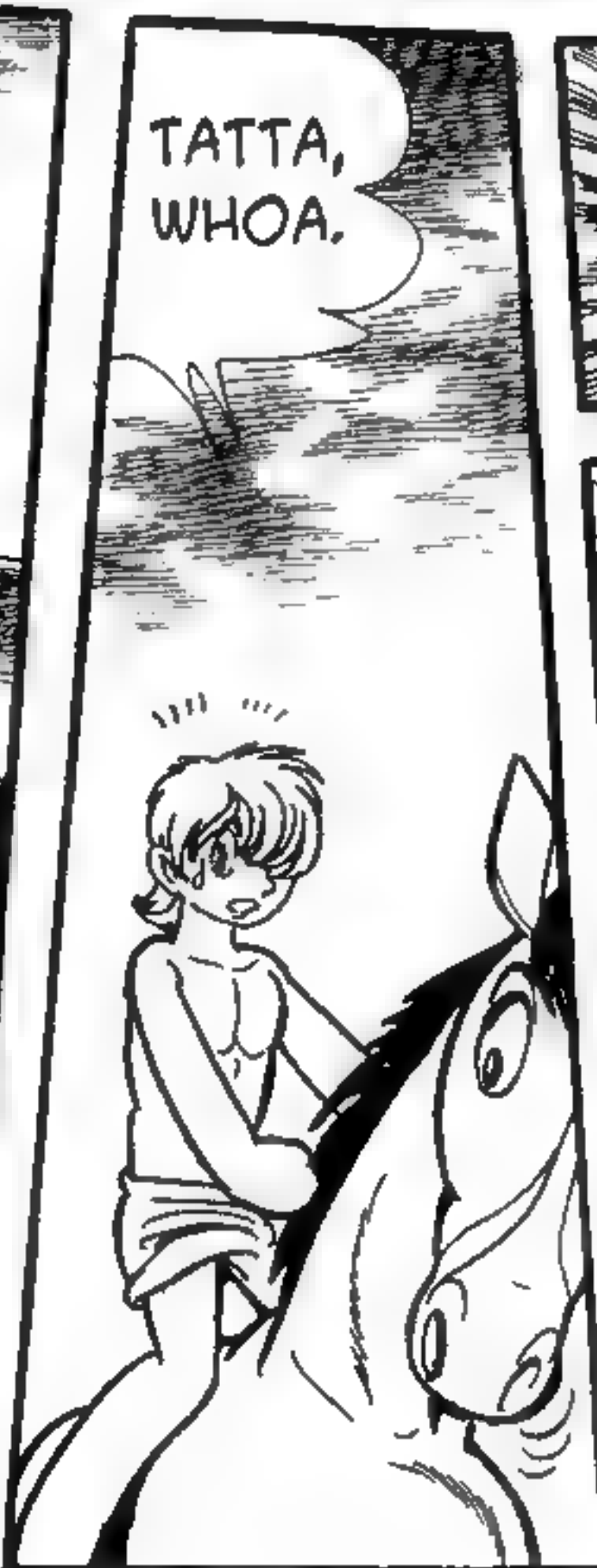
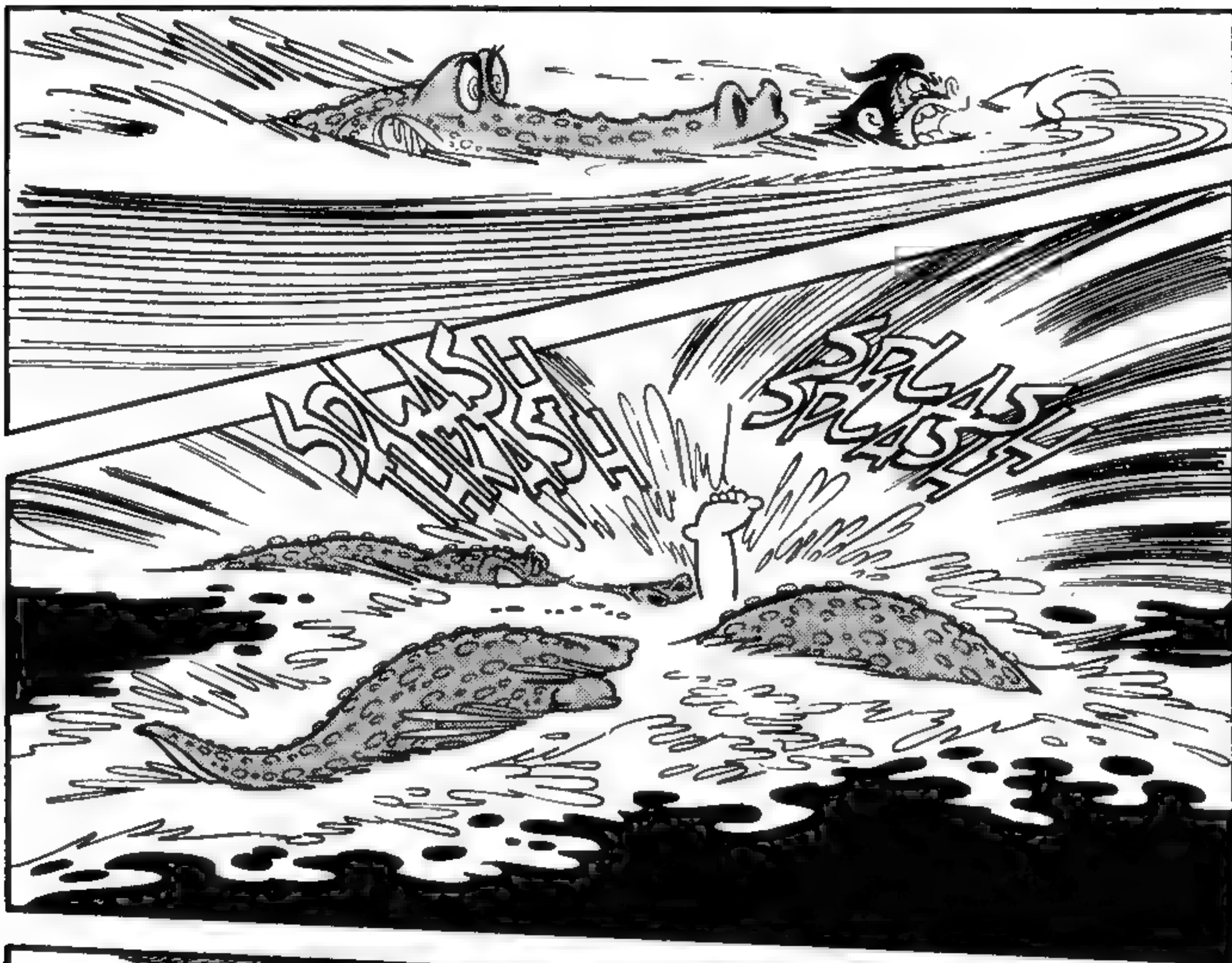


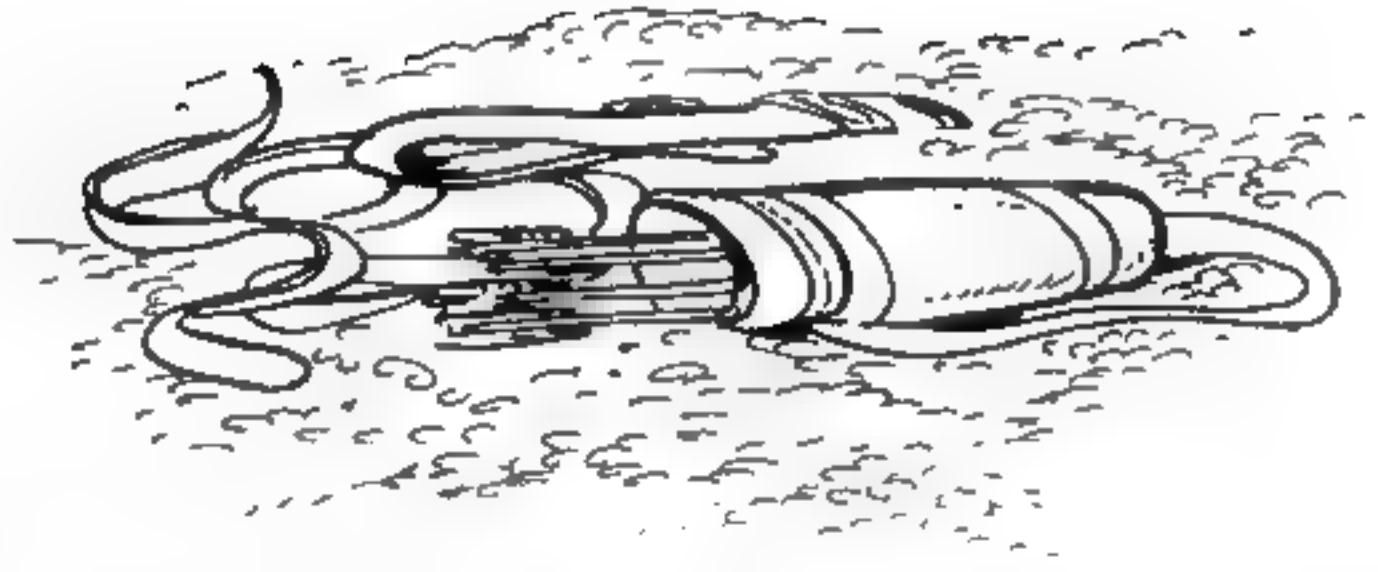
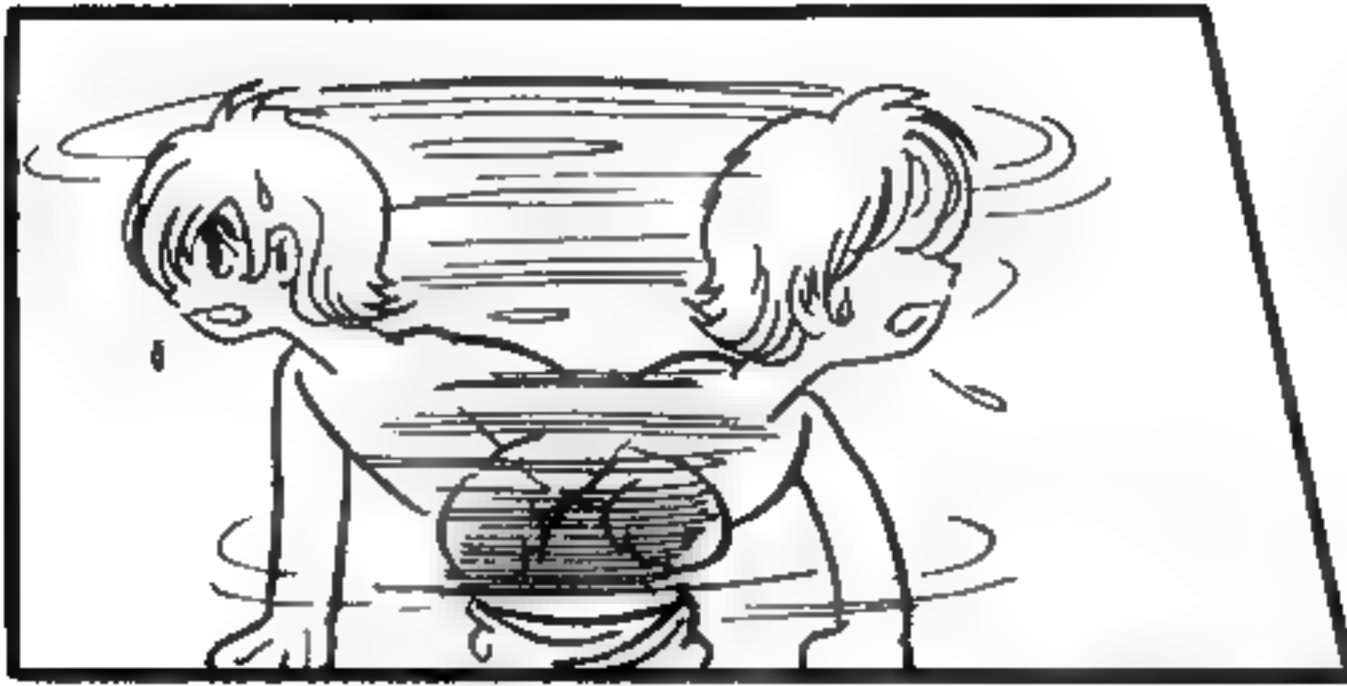


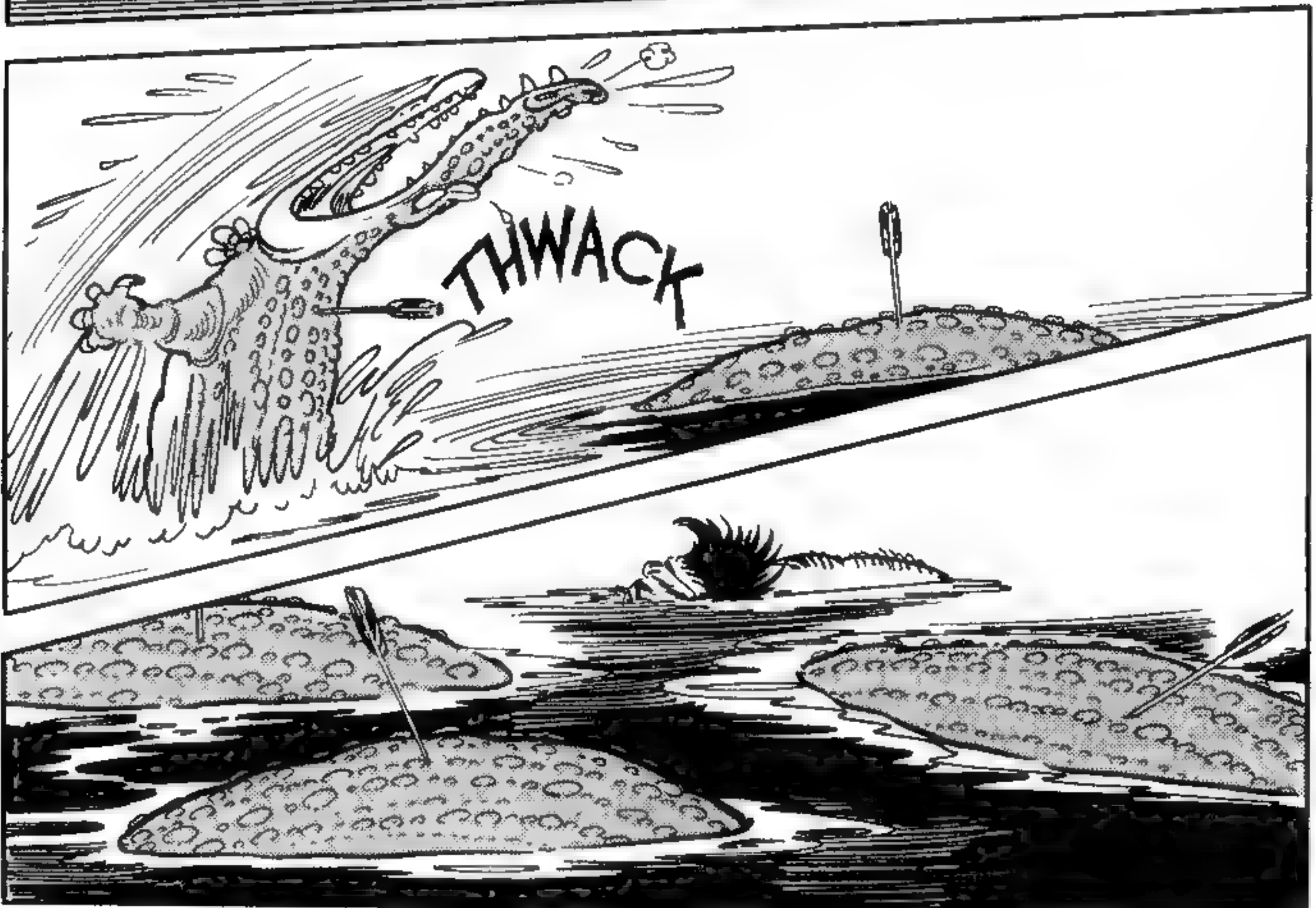
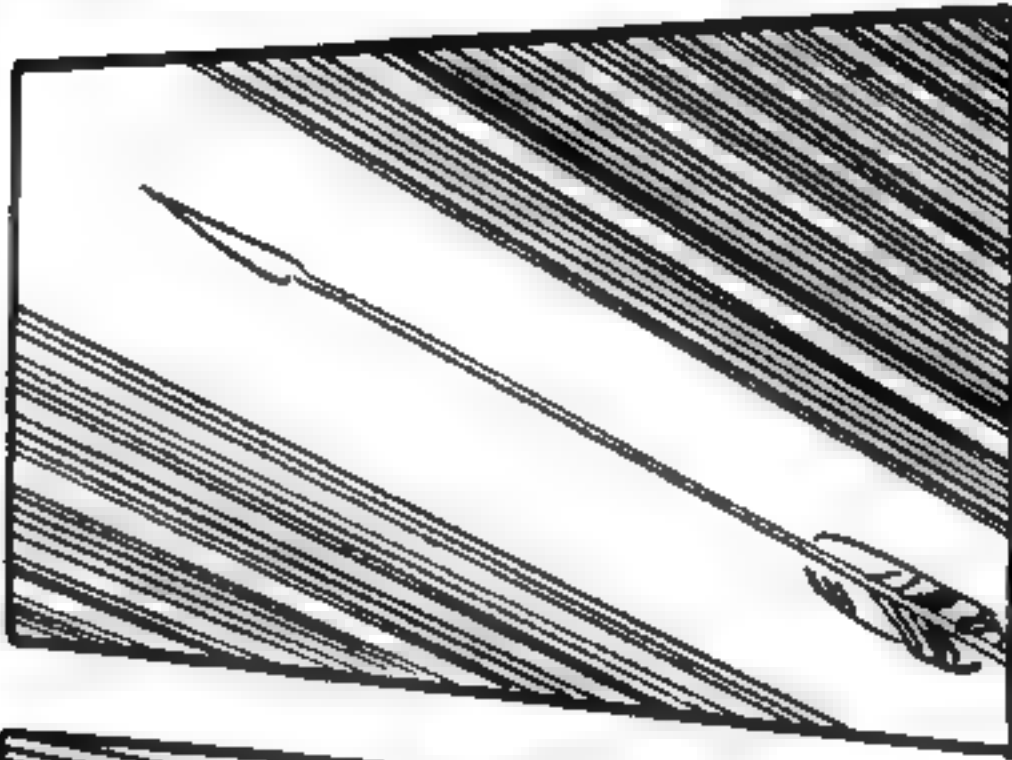


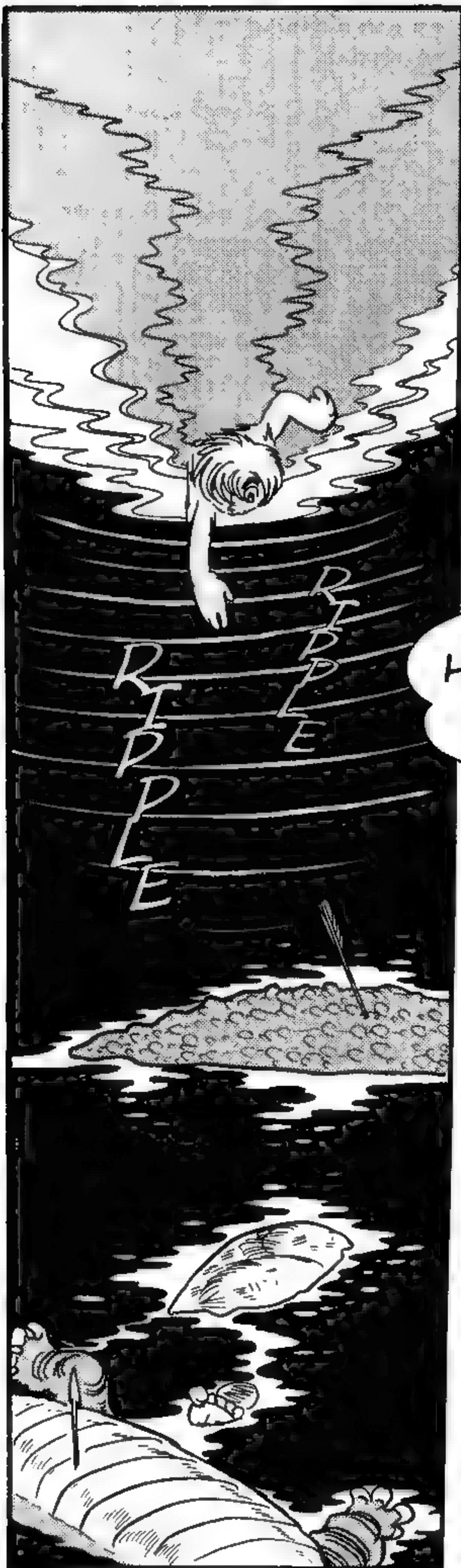












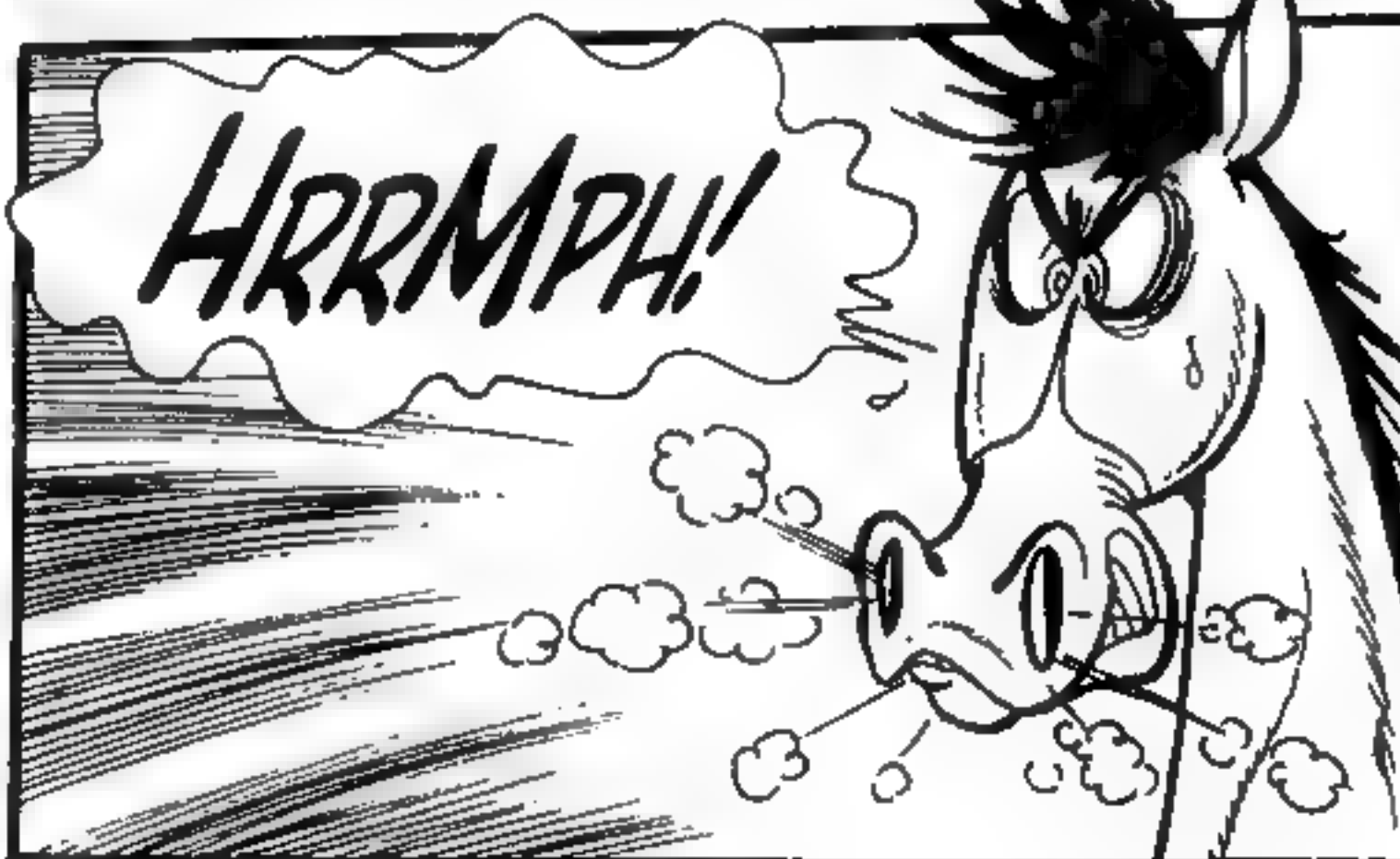
HE'S STILL
ALIVE ...

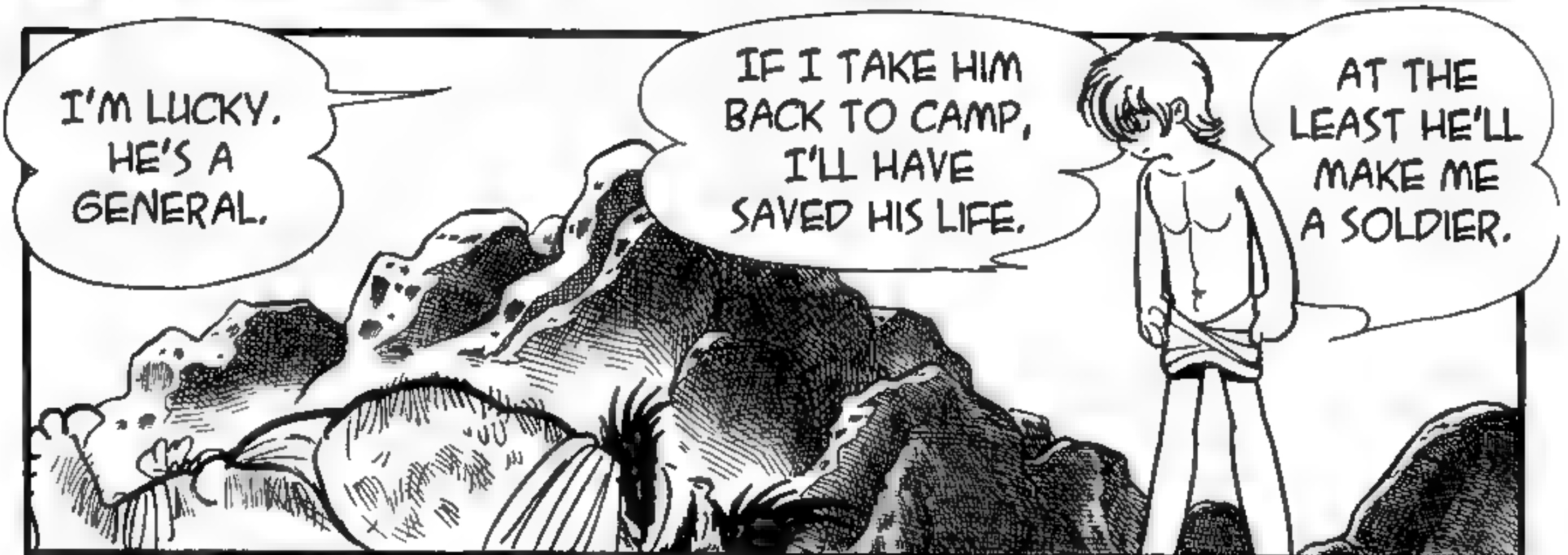
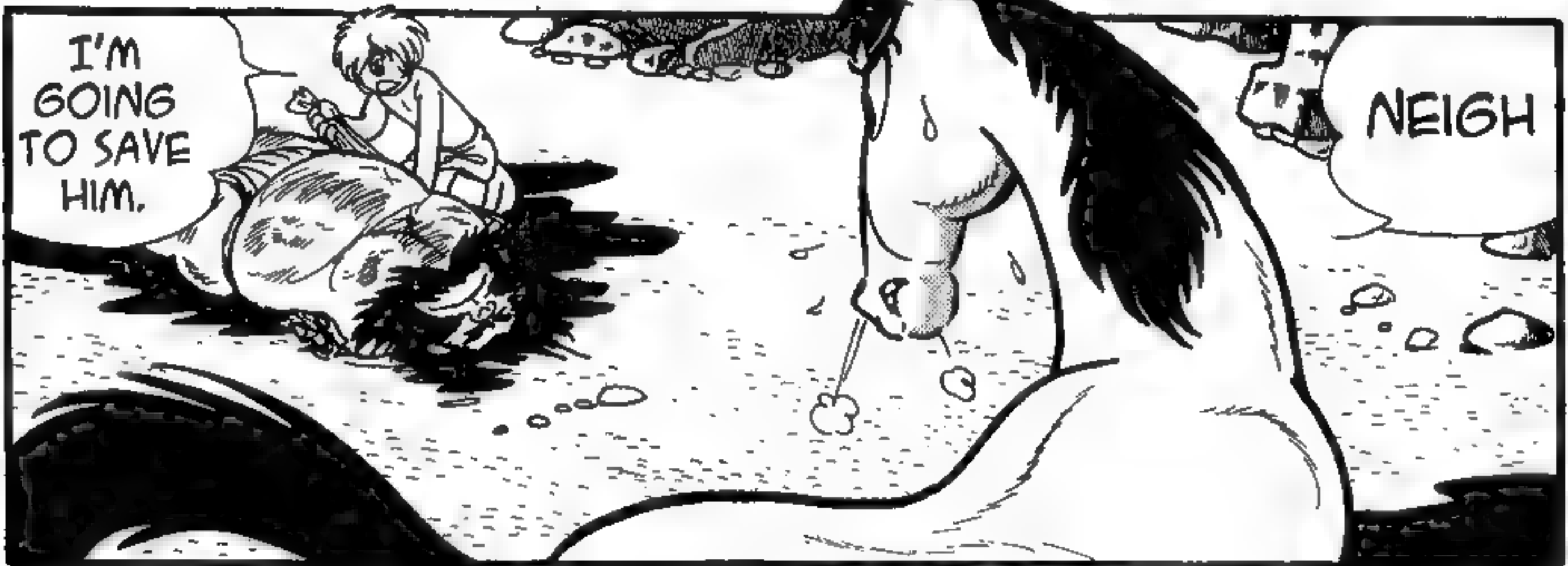
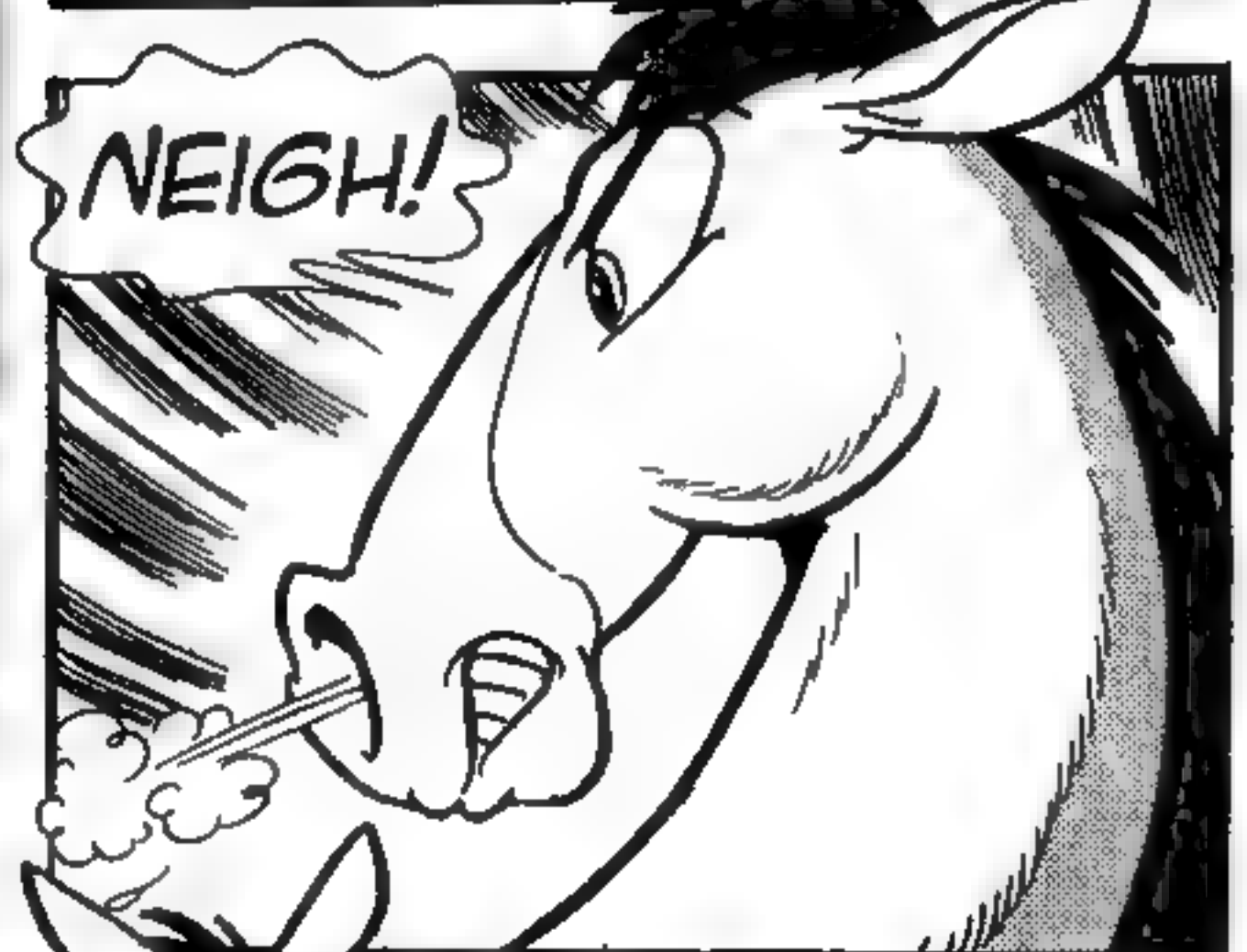
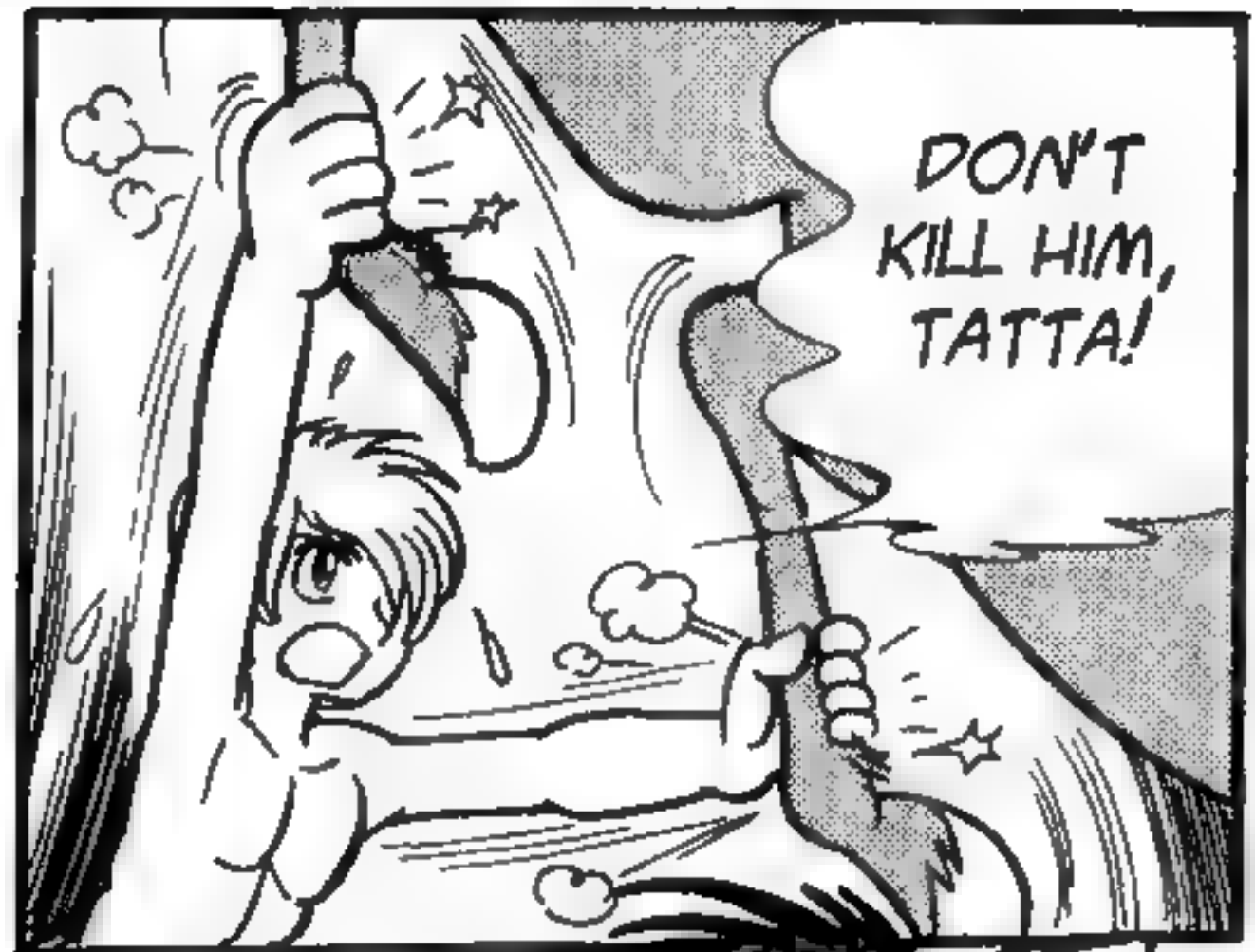
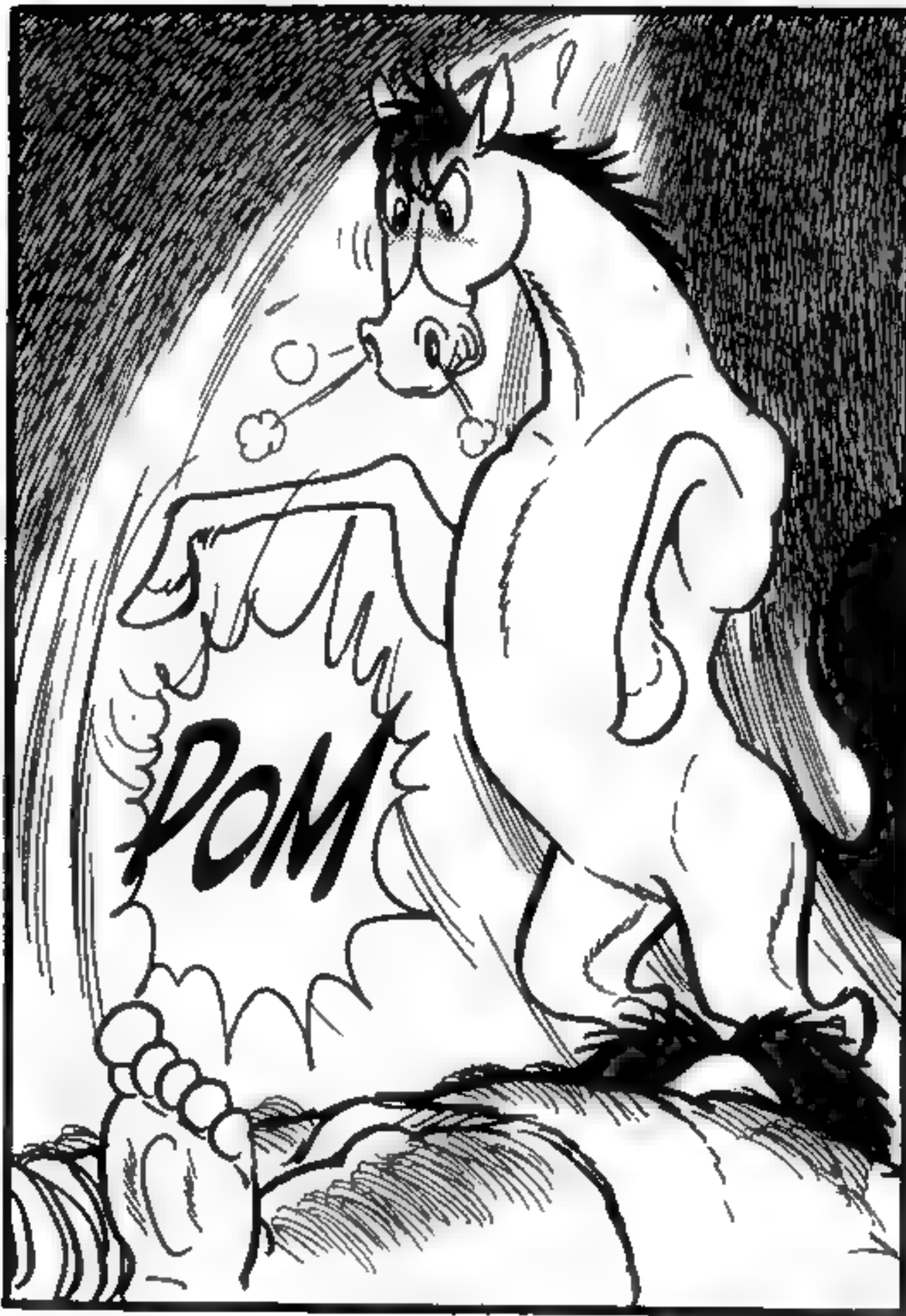


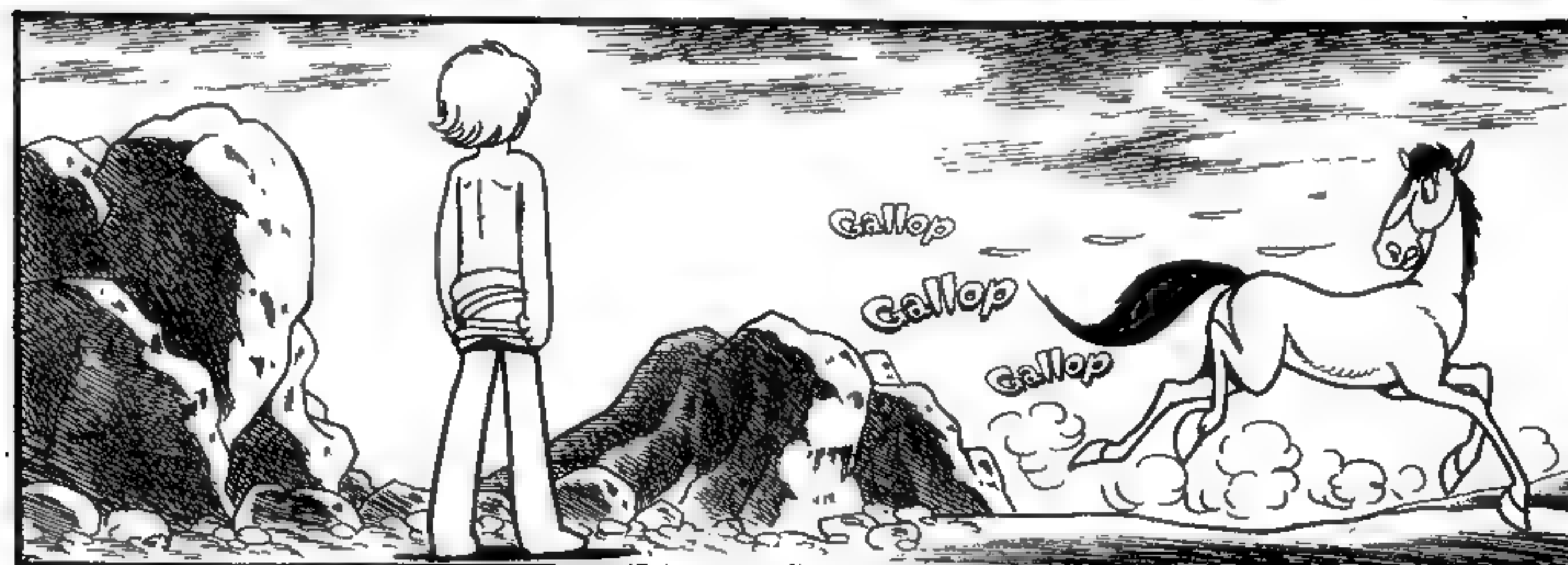
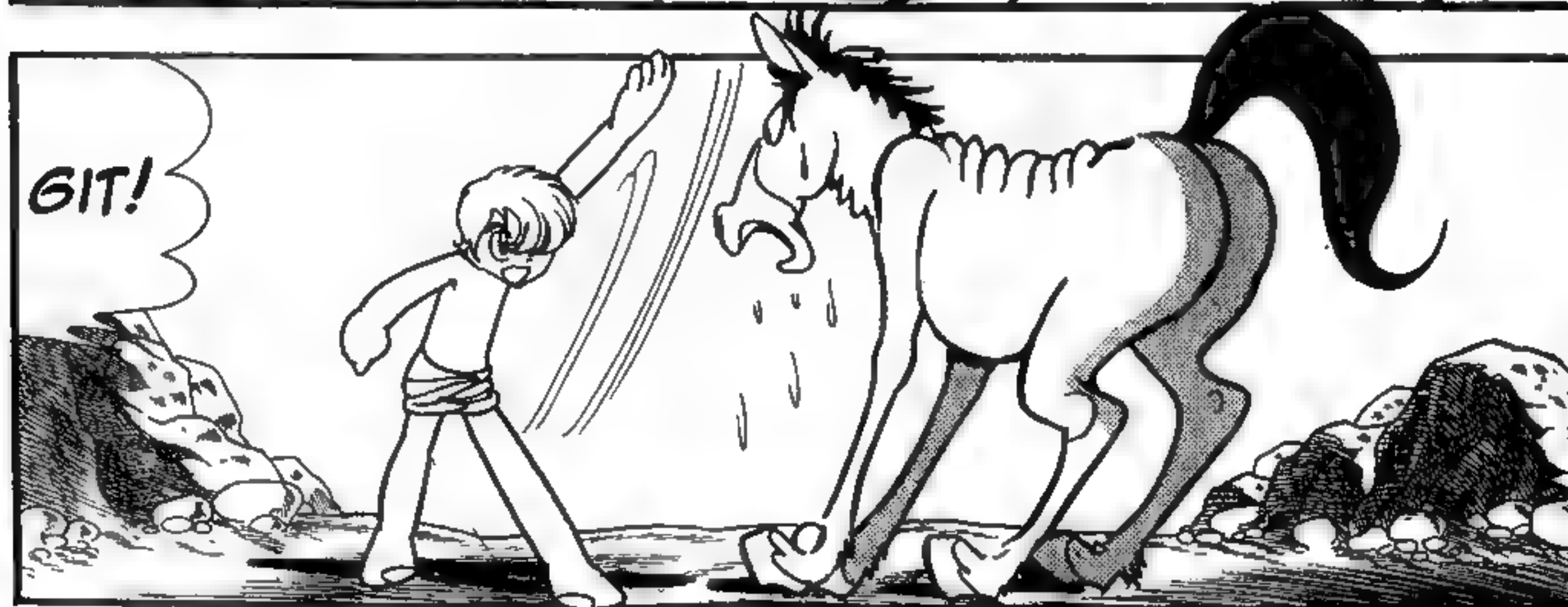
GOTTA
STOP THE
BLEEDING.

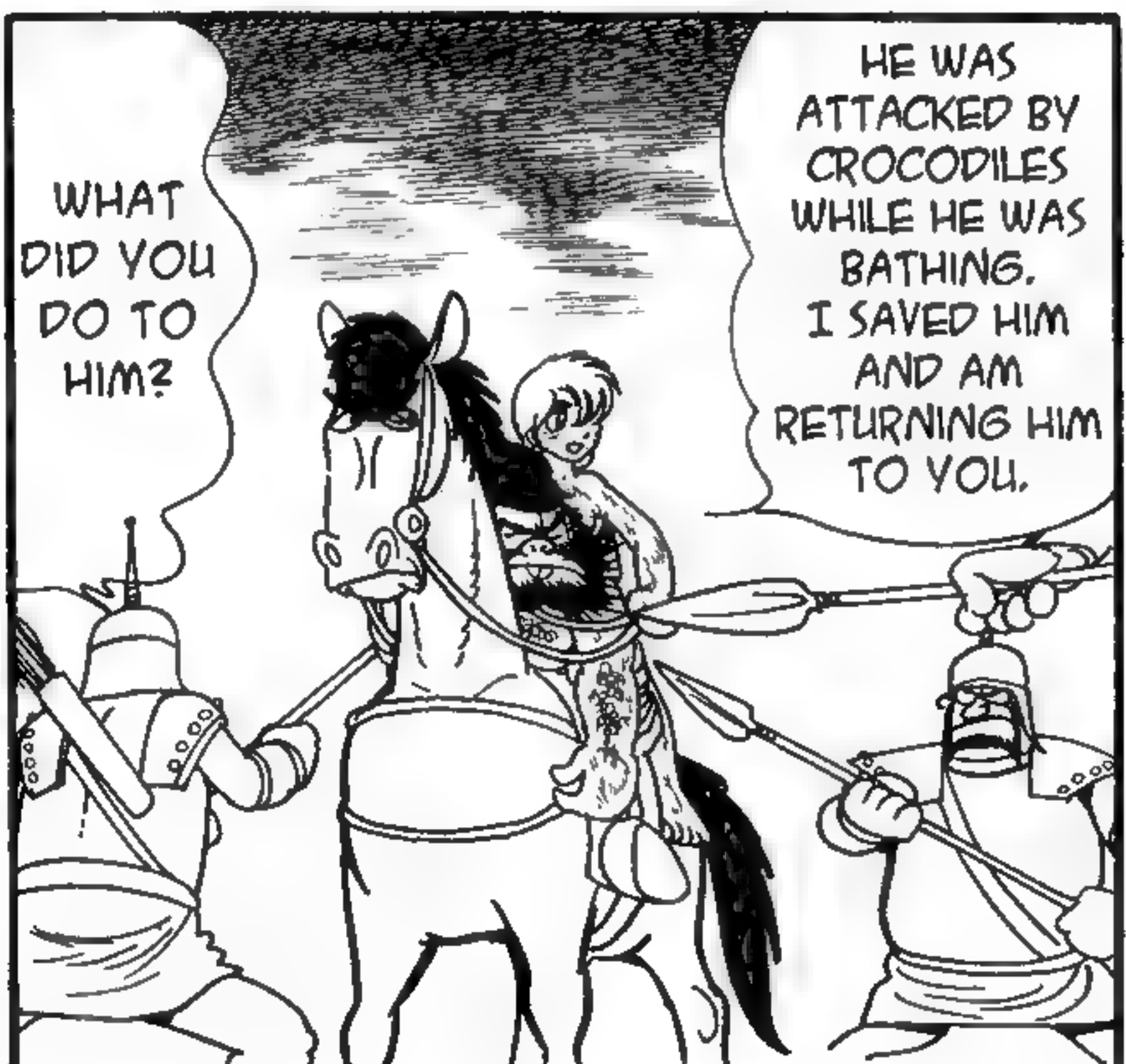
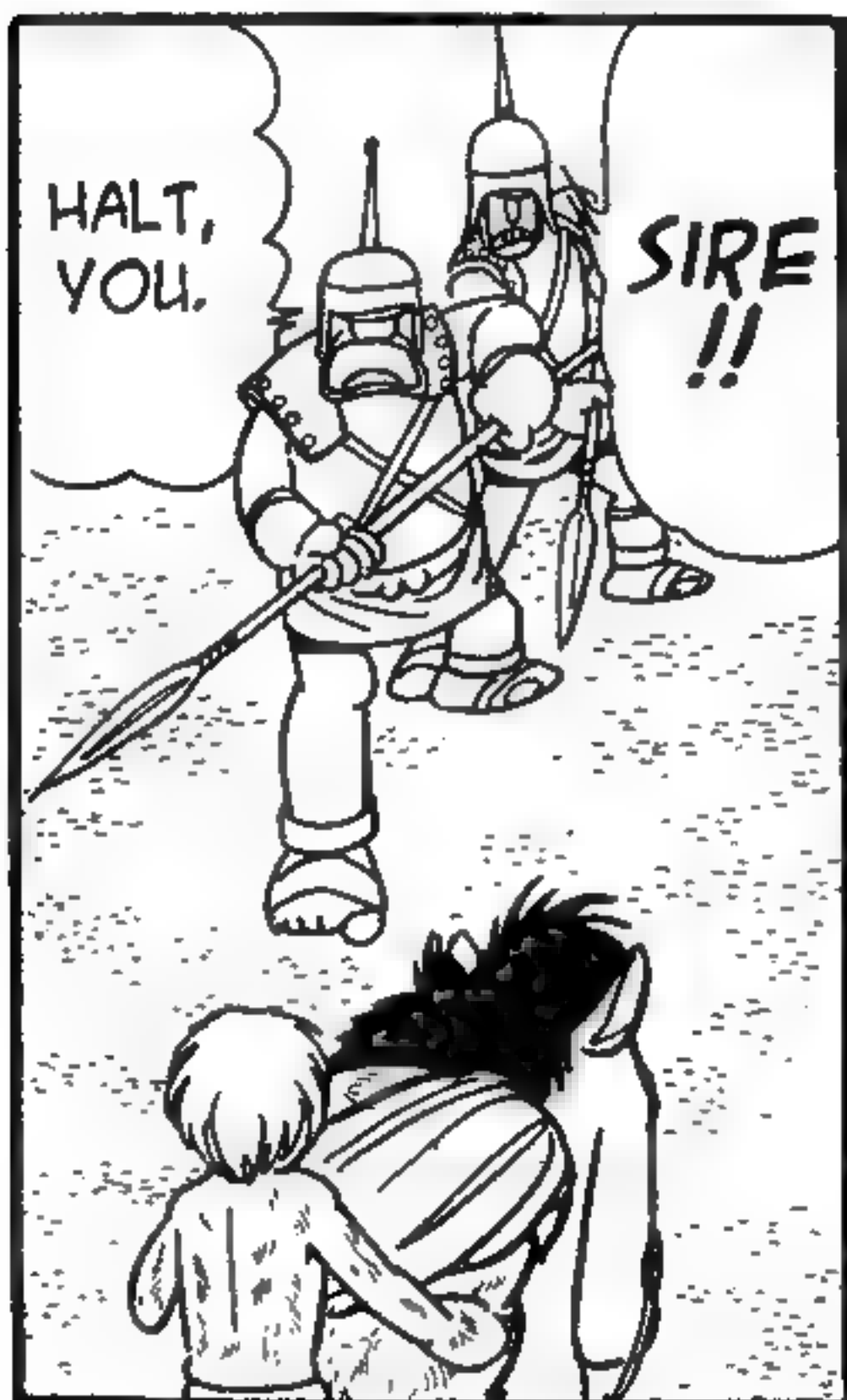


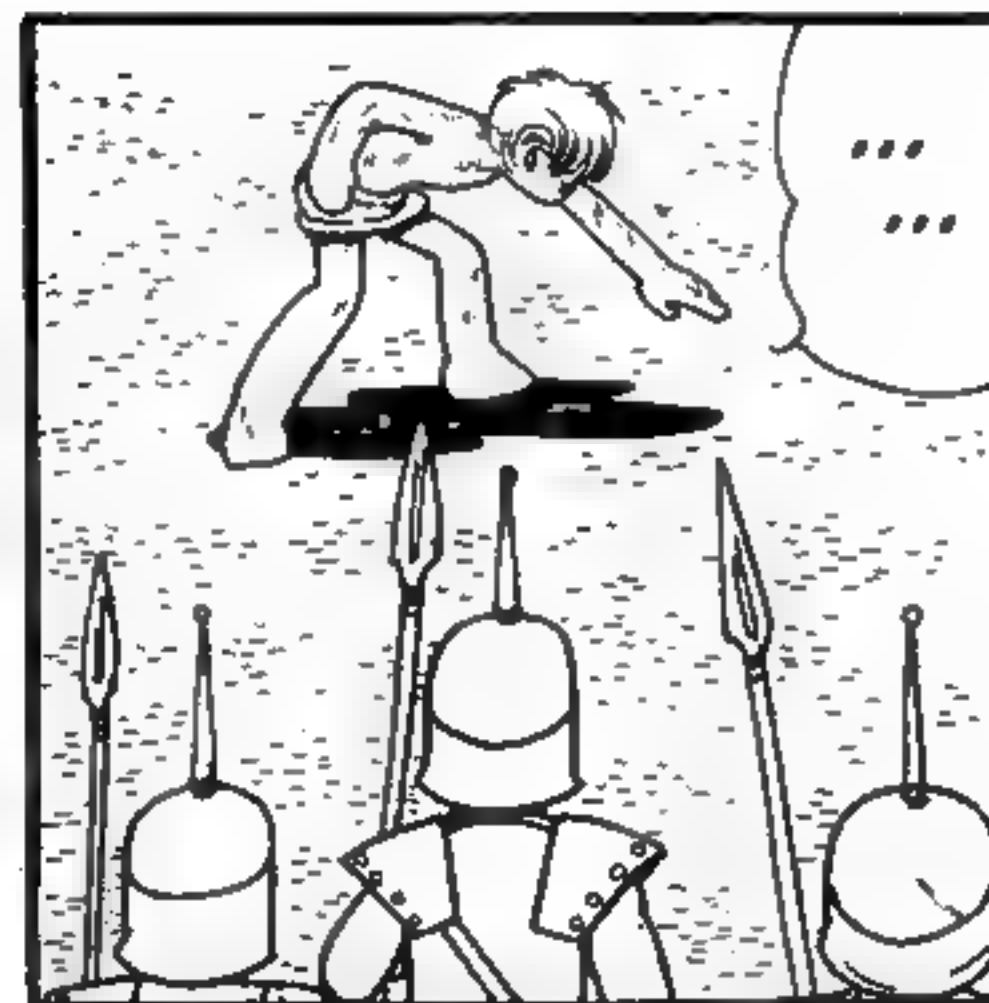
HRRMPH!

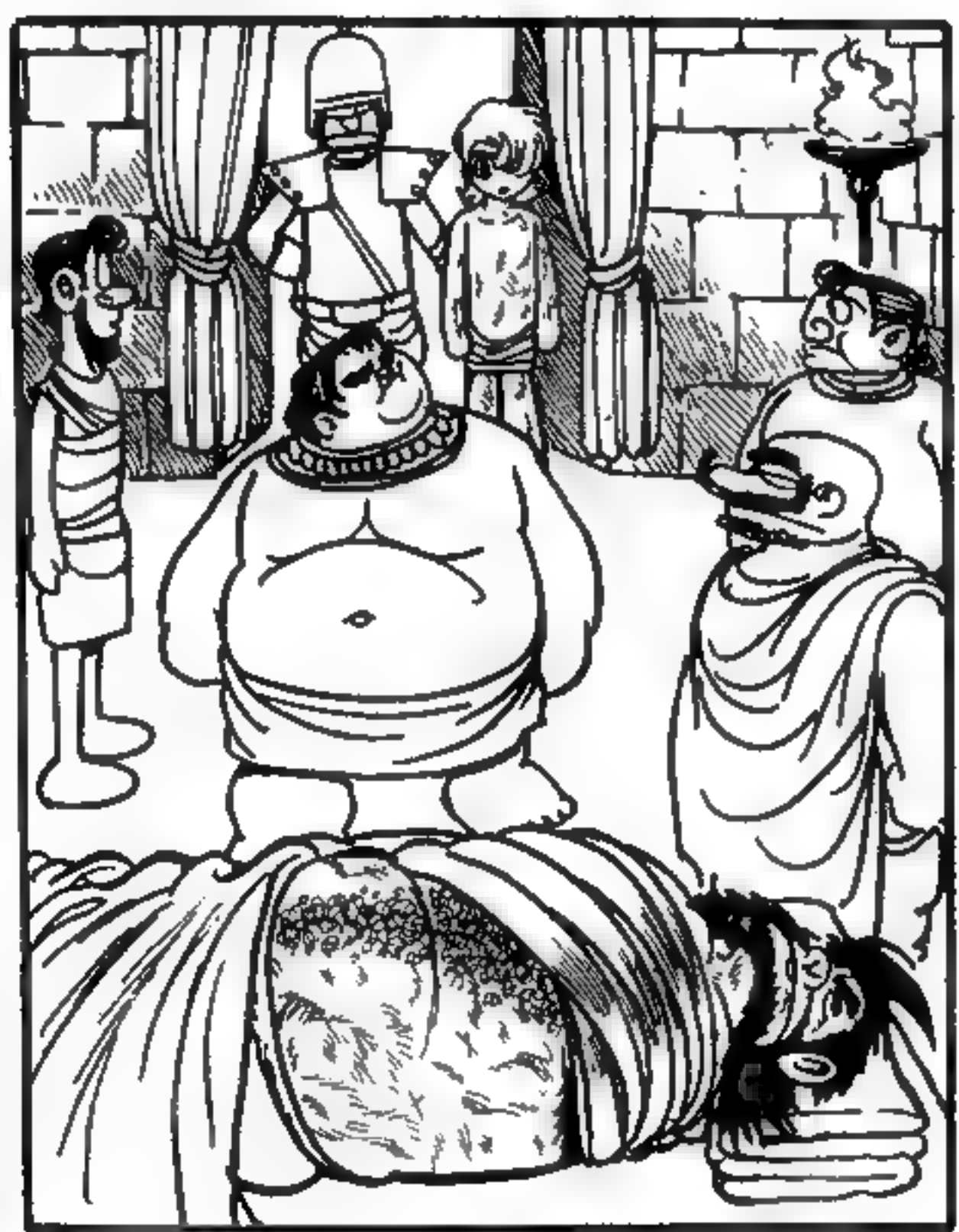














MAYBE...

JUST
MAYBE...

THIS
COULD
BE GREAT!

THE SON
OF A GENERAL
OF KOSALA -
WHAT LUCK!

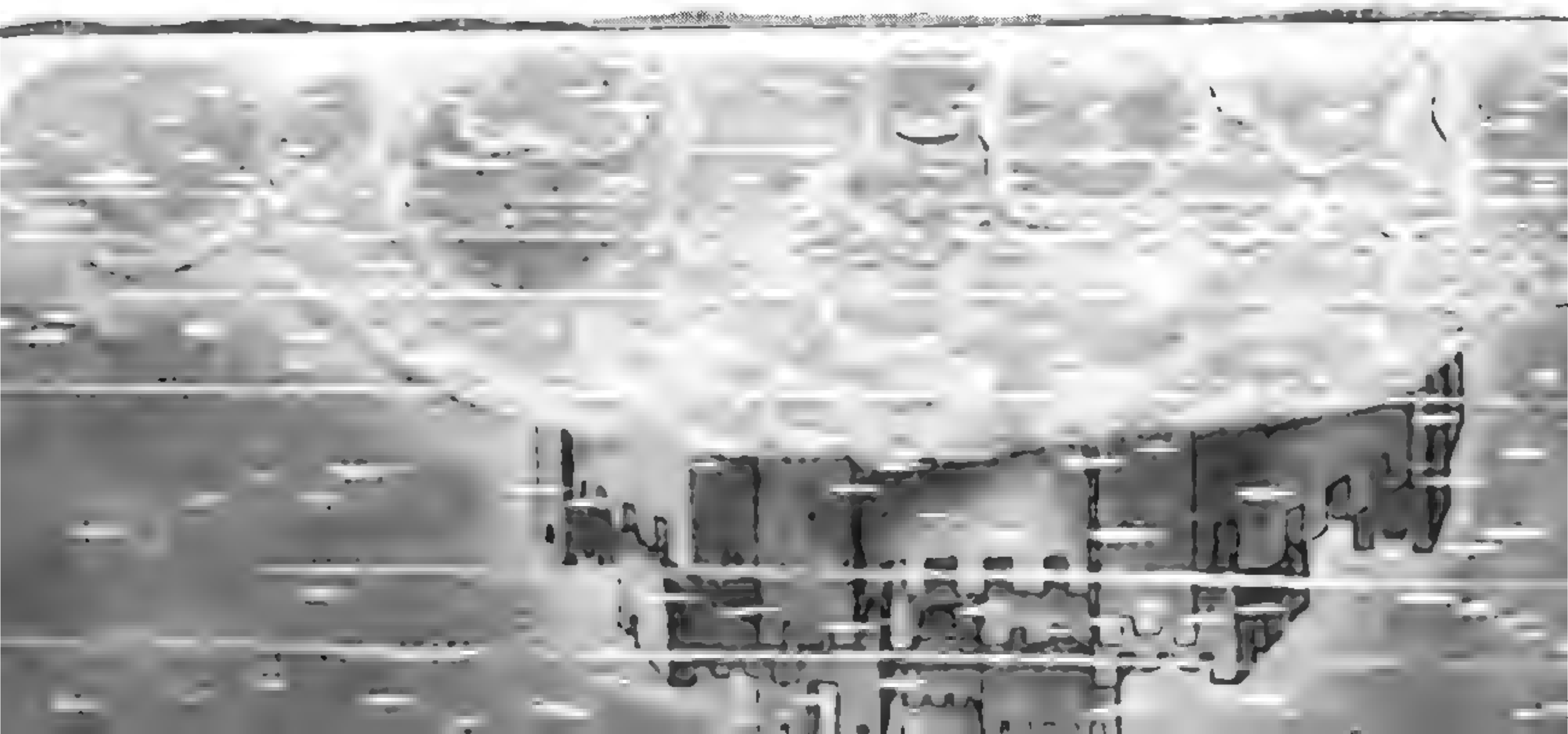
WAIT FOR ME,
TATTA.
WAIT FOR ME,
DEAR MOTHER!

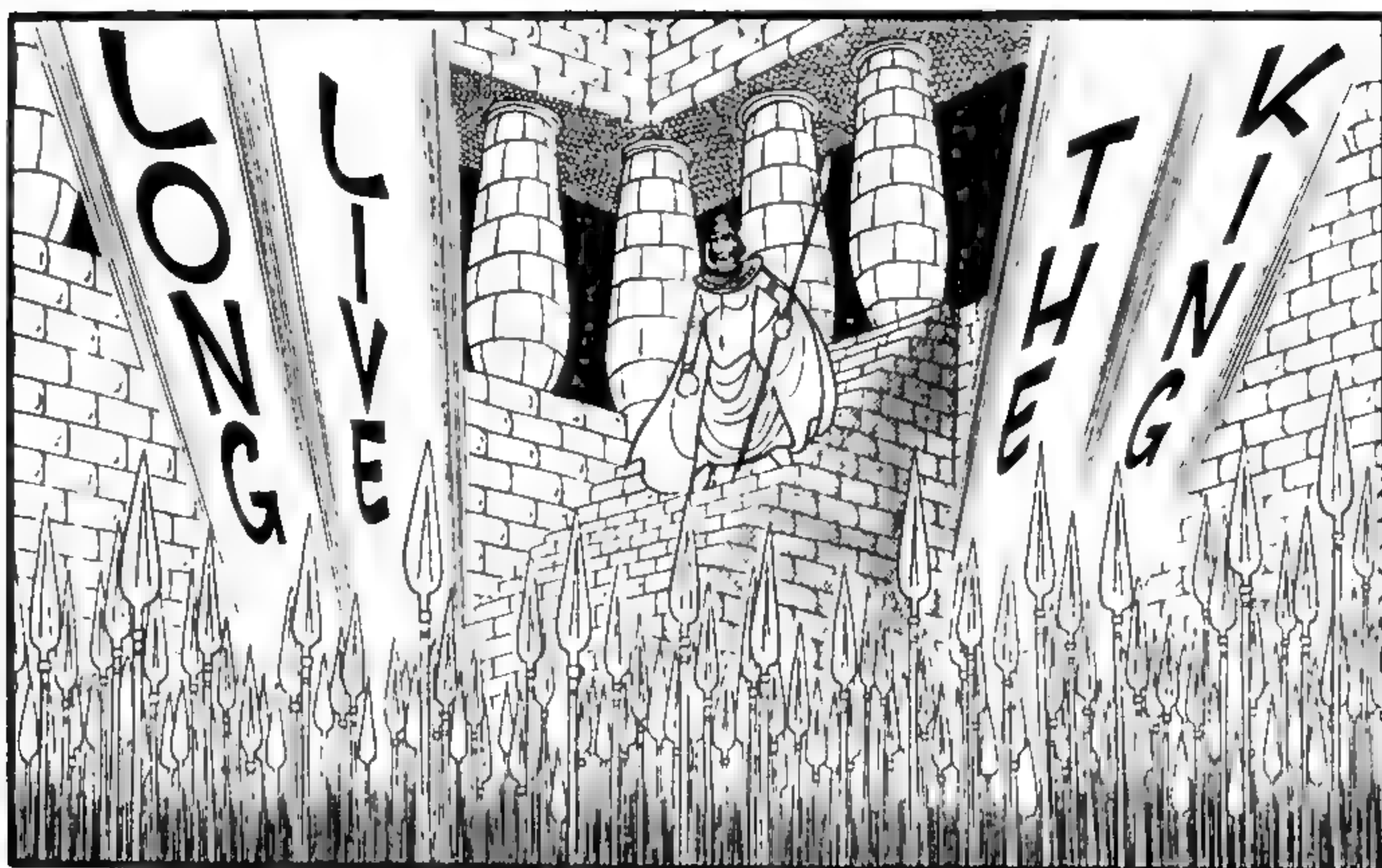
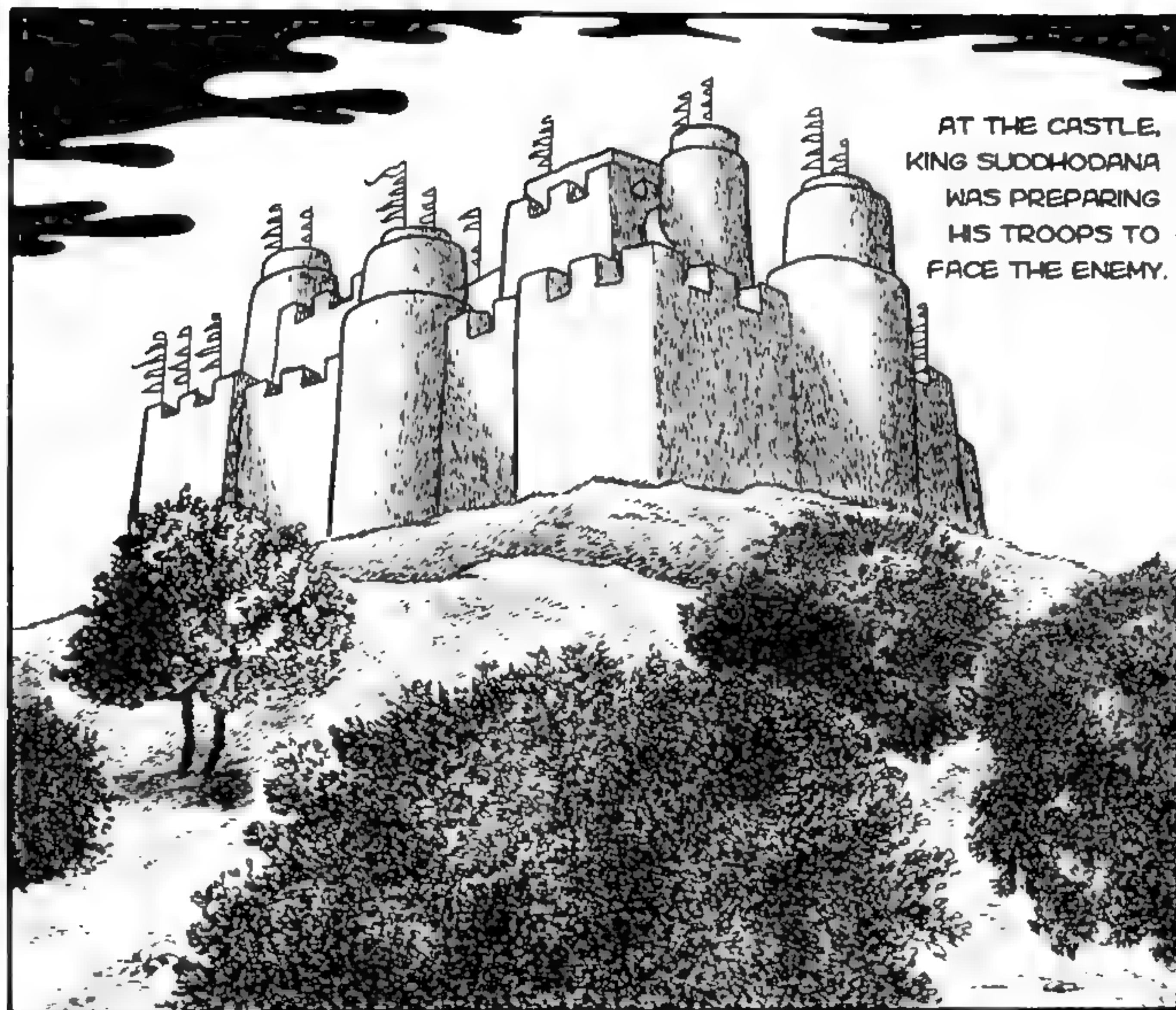


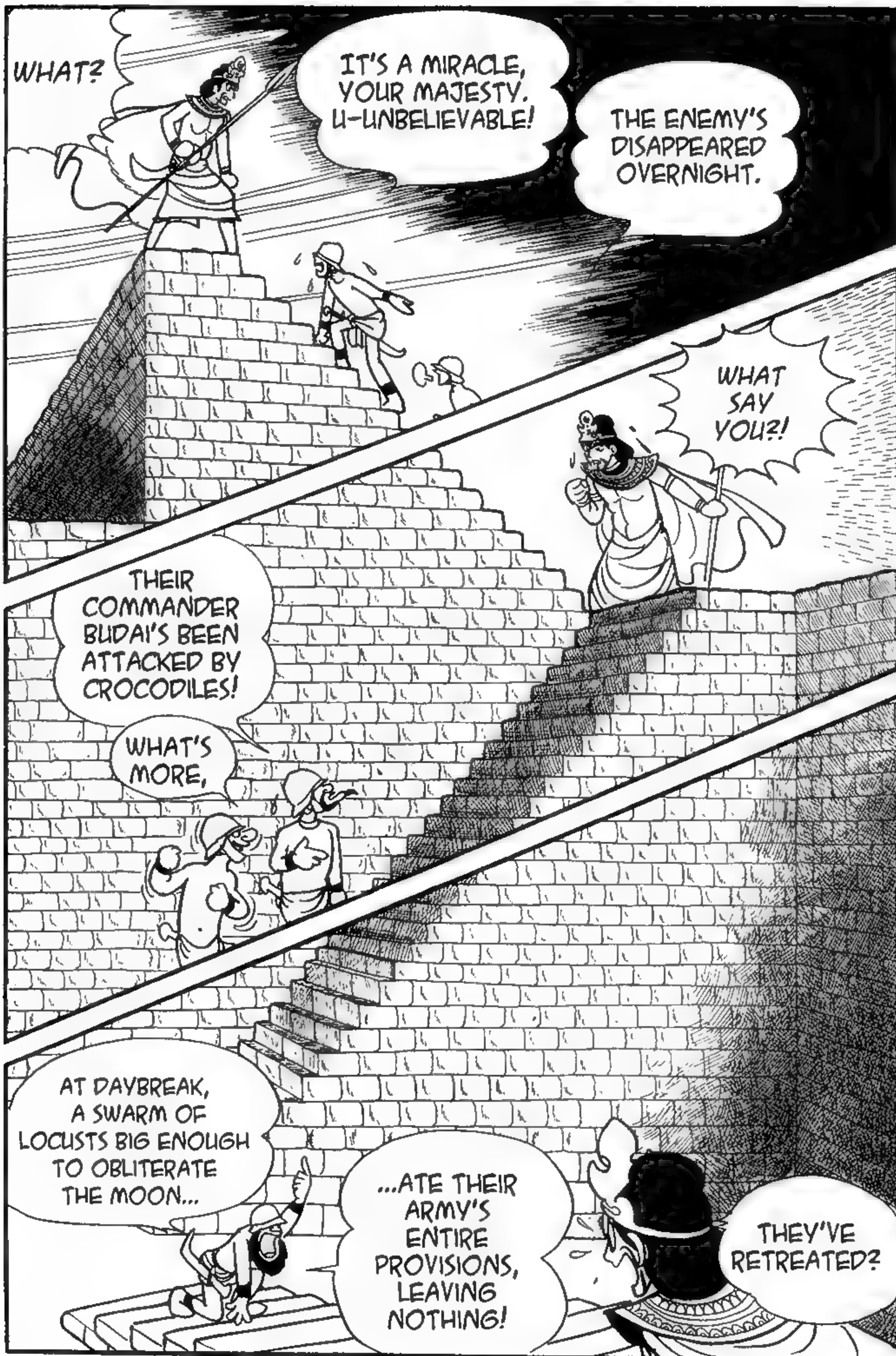
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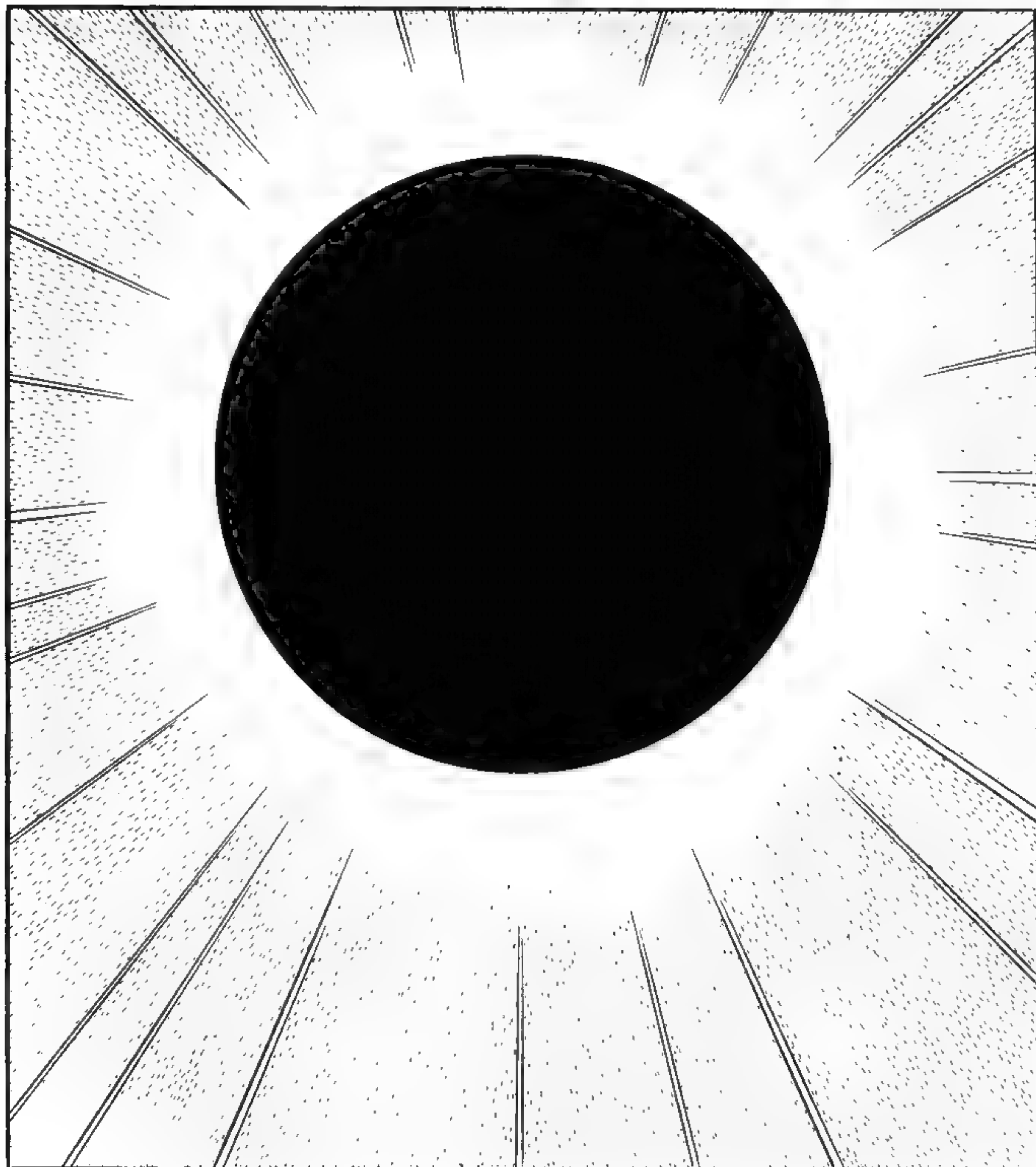
THE ANNOUNCEMENT

THE ARMY OF KOSALA,
LED BY GENERAL BUDAI,
HAD COME TO STORM
THE LITTLE CASTLE OF
KAPILAVASTU. TWO TRIBES,
THE SHAKYA AND THE KOLIYA,
LIVED IN HARMONY ON
EITHER SHORE OF THE
ROHINI RIVER. KAPILAVASTU
WAS THE CAPITAL
OF THE SHAKYA.











GOOD
TIDINGS,
MAYA.

YES,
WE HEARD
THE
CHEERING.

IT'S THE
STRANGEST
THING,
MAYA.

WE'VE
WON.



LOCUSTS
SOMETIMES
FLY IN
HUGE
SWARMS,

BUT THE
FACT THAT
THEY
SWARMED
OUR ENEMY
JUST THEN...

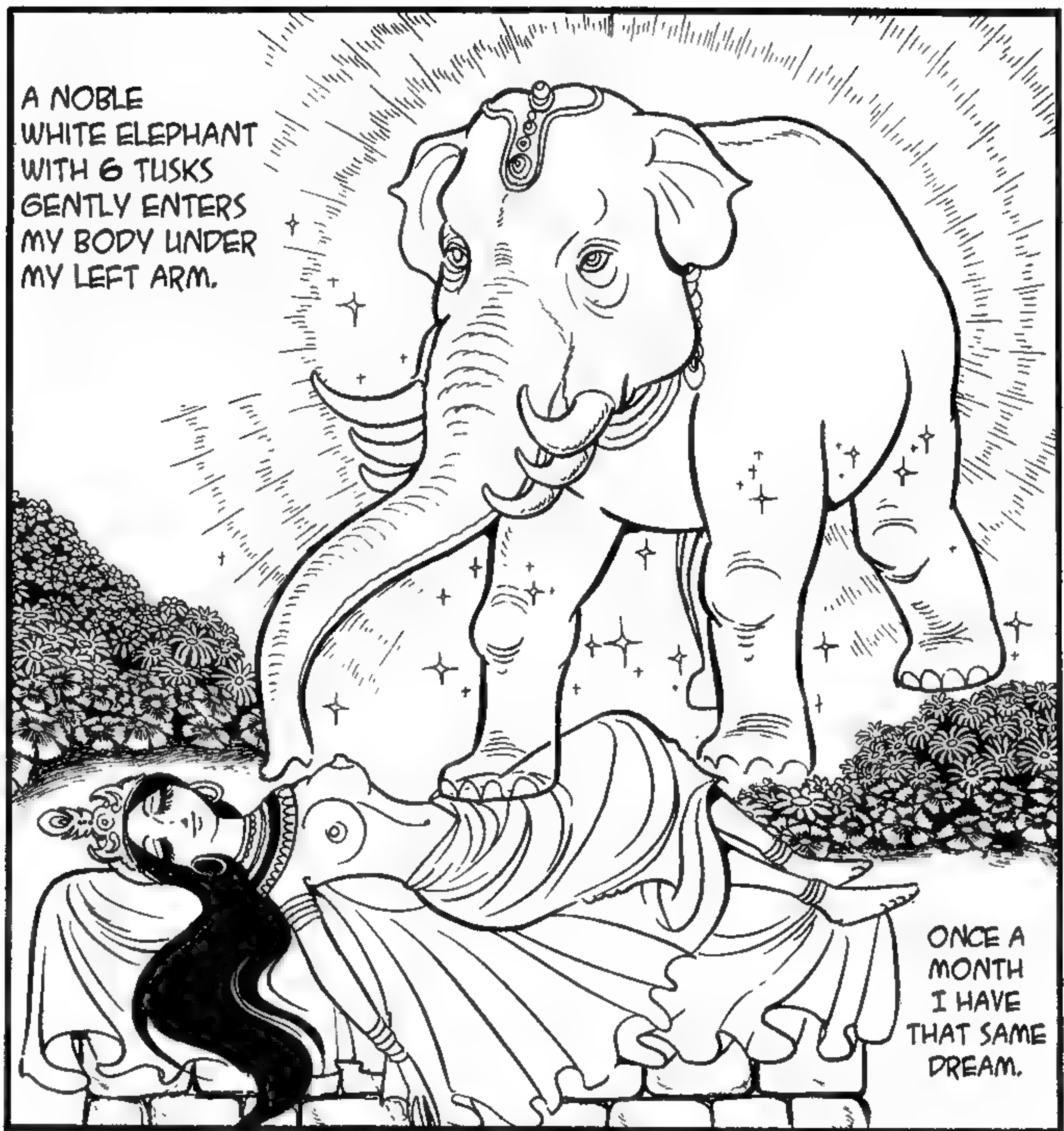


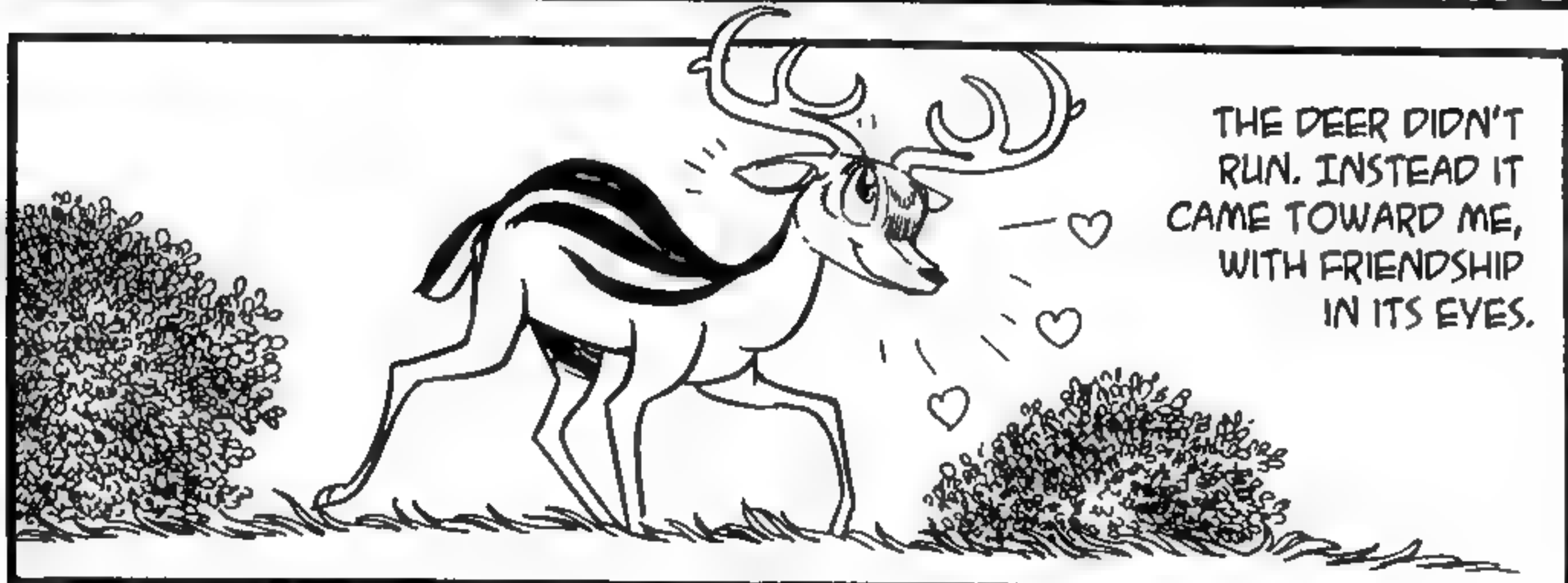
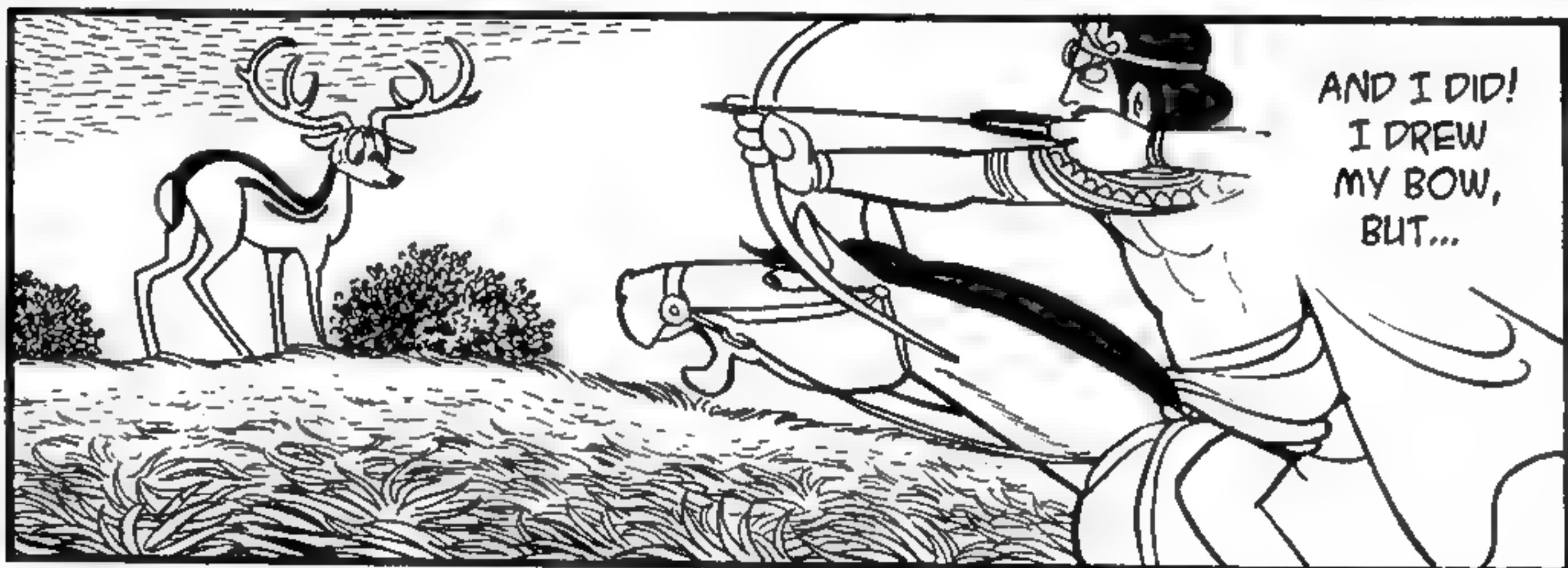
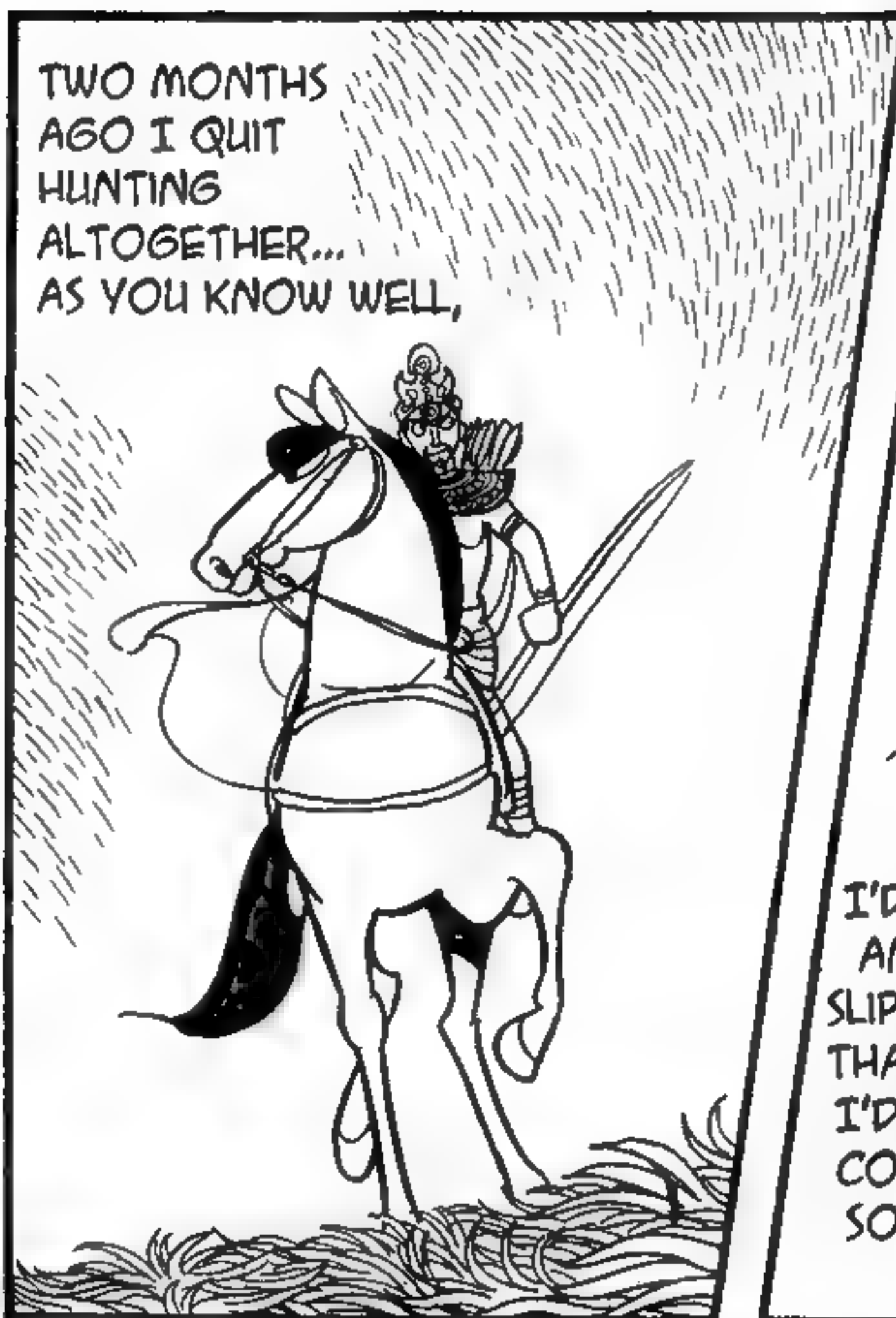
I HAD
THAT DREAM
AGAIN,
DEAR.



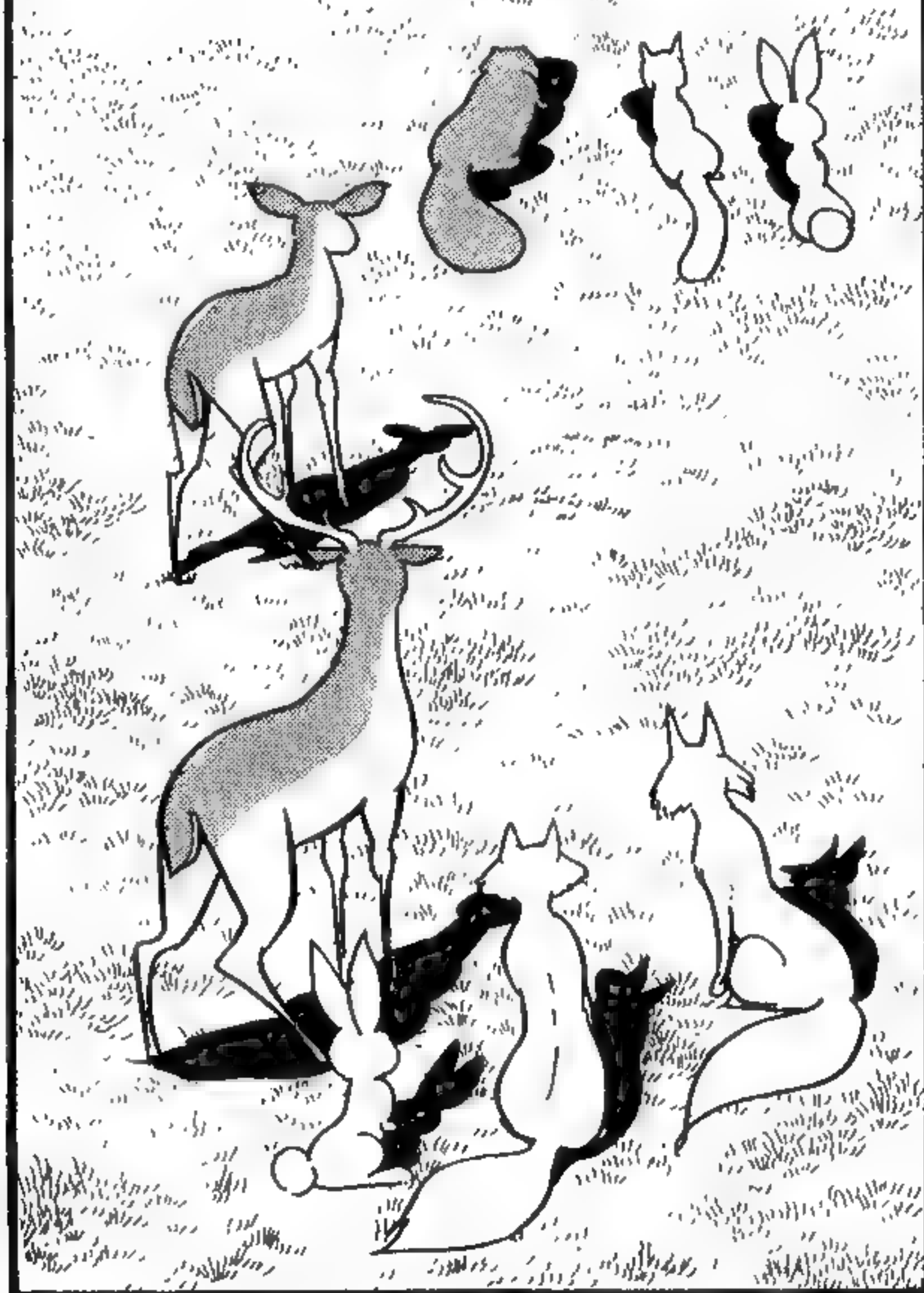
ABOUT
THE
WHITE
ELEPHANT
WITH 6
TUSKS.

FOR
THE
SIXTH
TIME!





WHEN
I LOOKED
AROUND, IT
WASN'T JUST
THE DEER,
SQUIRRELS,
RABBITS,
BIRDS, THEY
WERE ALL
SMILING AT
ME. THEY
DREW NEAR
AS IF I WERE
A KINDRED
SPIRIT.



I TRIED TO
DRAW MY BOW
ONCE MORE,
BUT MY
HANDS
SHOOK



THE THRILL OF
HUNTING LIES
IN THE CHASE, MAYA.
IT'S NOT POSSIBLE
TO KILL ANIMALS
THAT DRAW NEAR.



AND SO
I LOST
MY
TASTE
FOR
HUNTING







I FEEL IT
IN MY
BONES.

MAYA,
TAKE
CARE OF
YOUR-
SELF.

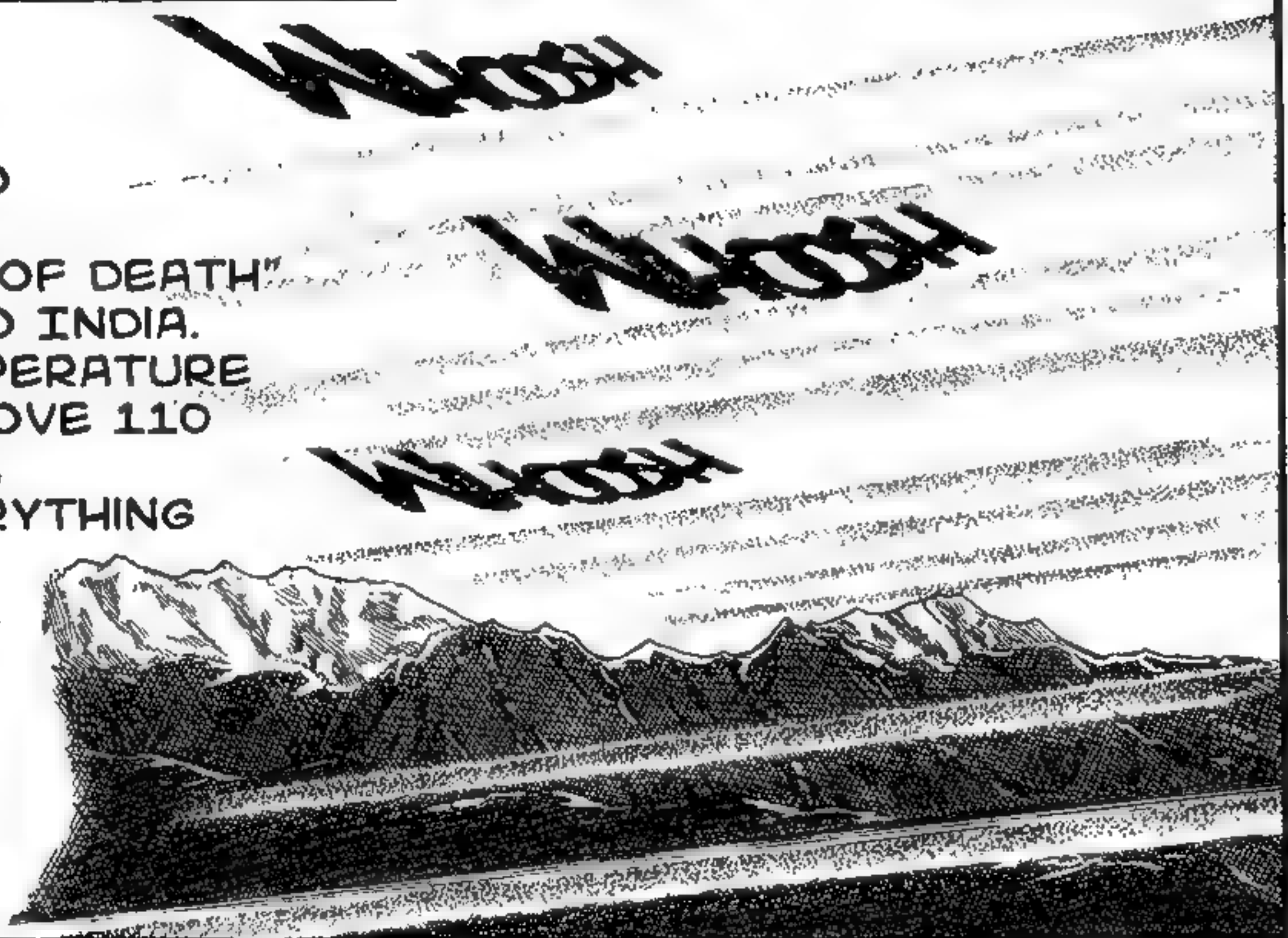


IT'S
STILL 4
MONTHS
AWAY.

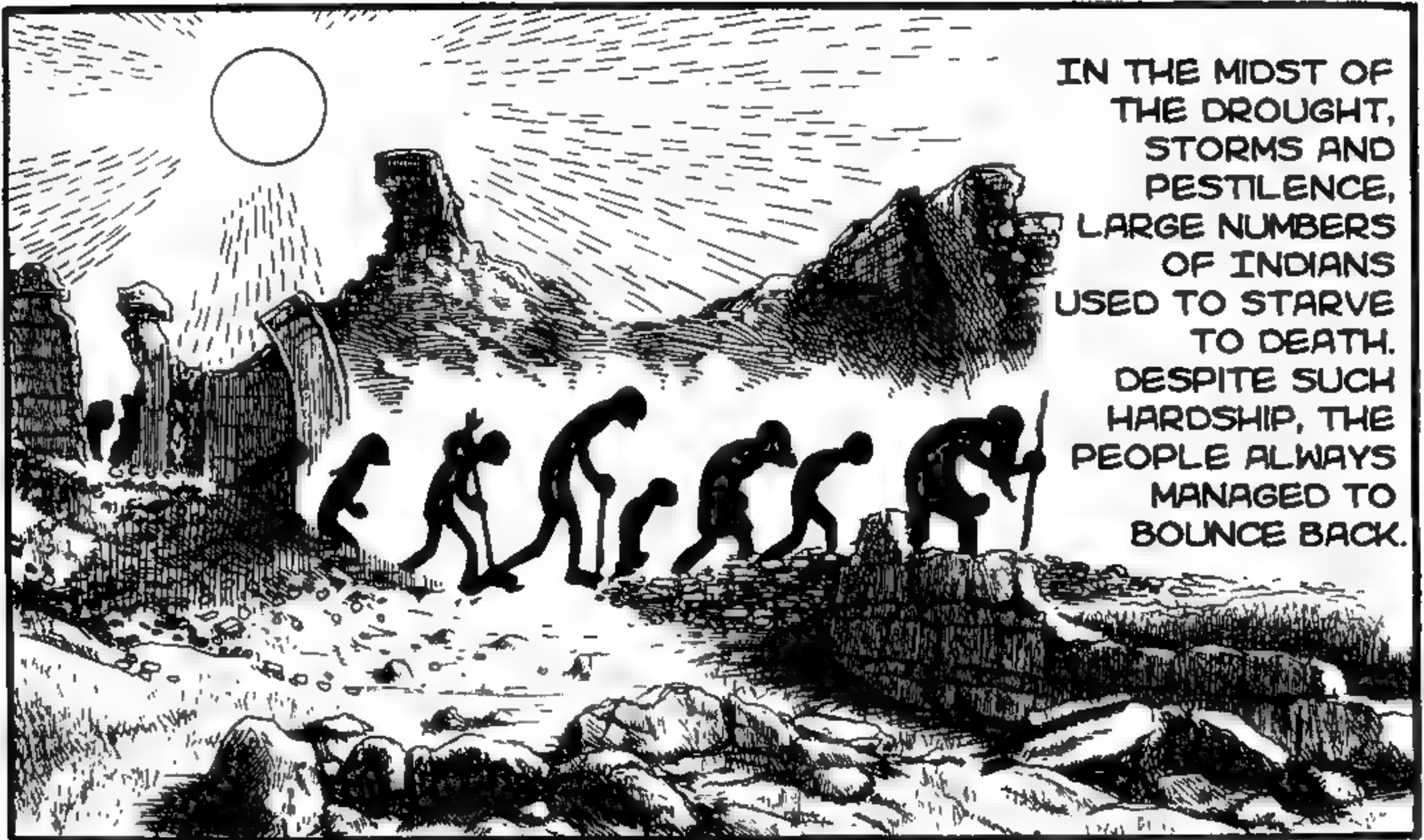


RIGHT
DURING
THE DRY
SEASON
...

FROM
MARCH TO
MAY, THE
"SEASON OF DEATH"
COMES TO INDIA.
THE TEMPERATURE
RISES ABOVE 110
DEGREES,
AND EVERYTHING
BECOMES
PARCHED.



SANDSTORMS AND
TORNADOES SWIRL,
GRASS AND TREES
WILT, RIVERS
RUN DRY, AND
THEN COME
THE EPIDEMICS,
ALL IN THE
110-PLUS
DEGREE HEAT.



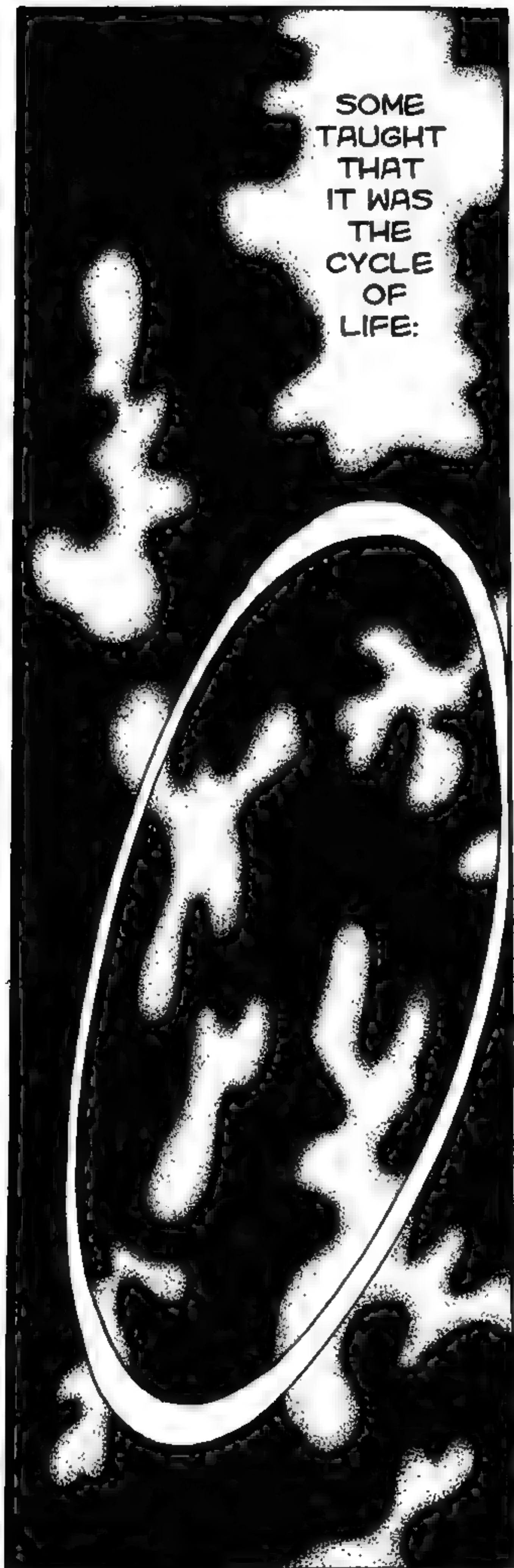
IN THE MIDST OF
THE DROUGHT,
STORMS AND
PESTILENCE,
LARGE NUMBERS
OF INDIANS
USED TO STARVE
TO DEATH.
DESPITE SUCH
HARDSHIP, THE
PEOPLE ALWAYS
MANAGED TO
BOUNCE BACK.

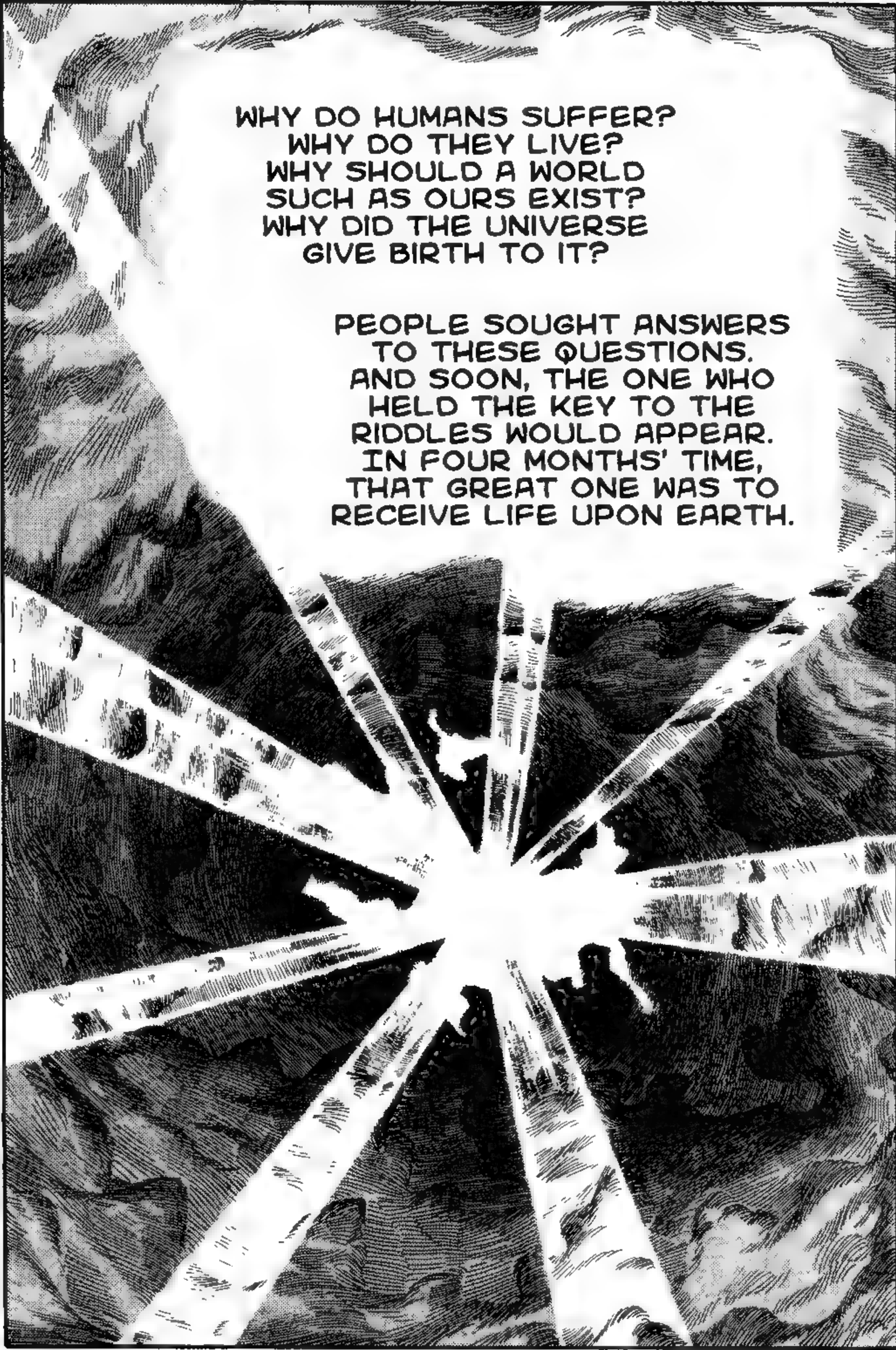


NO MATTER HOW DEVOUT
THE BRAHMIN, NO MATTER
HOW BENEVOLENT THE KING,
THE PEOPLE COULD NOT
ESCAPE THIS FATE.

SOME
TAUGHT
THAT
IT WAS
THE
CYCLE
OF
LIFE:

LIVING THINGS
RECEIVE LIFE,
THEN DIE, AND
IN DEATH
ARE REBORN.
THEY ARE
FATED NEVER
TO ESCAPE
SUFFERING
BECAUSE
THE CYCLE
IS ETERNAL.





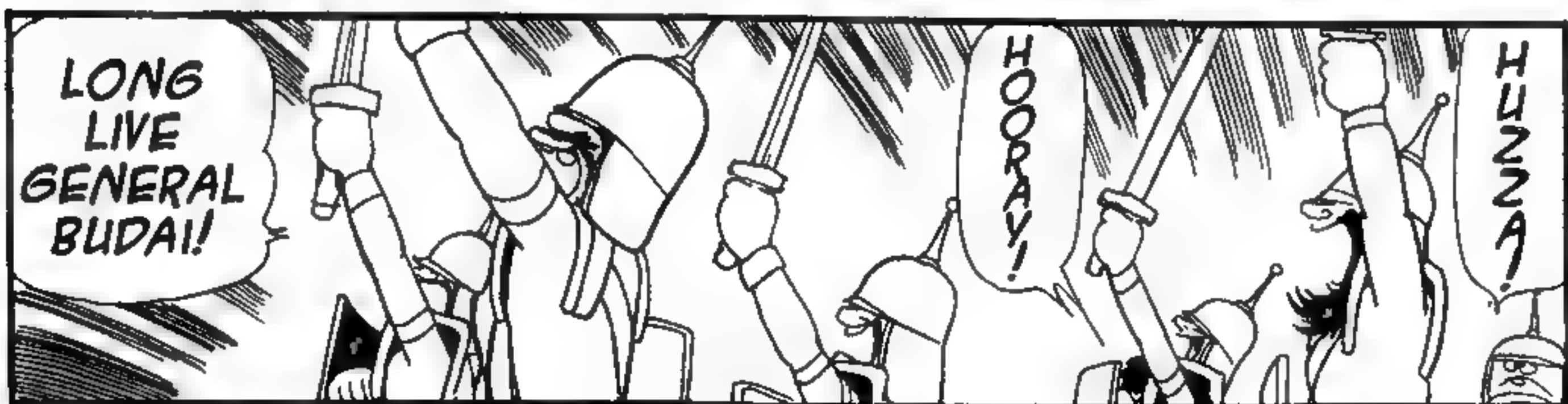
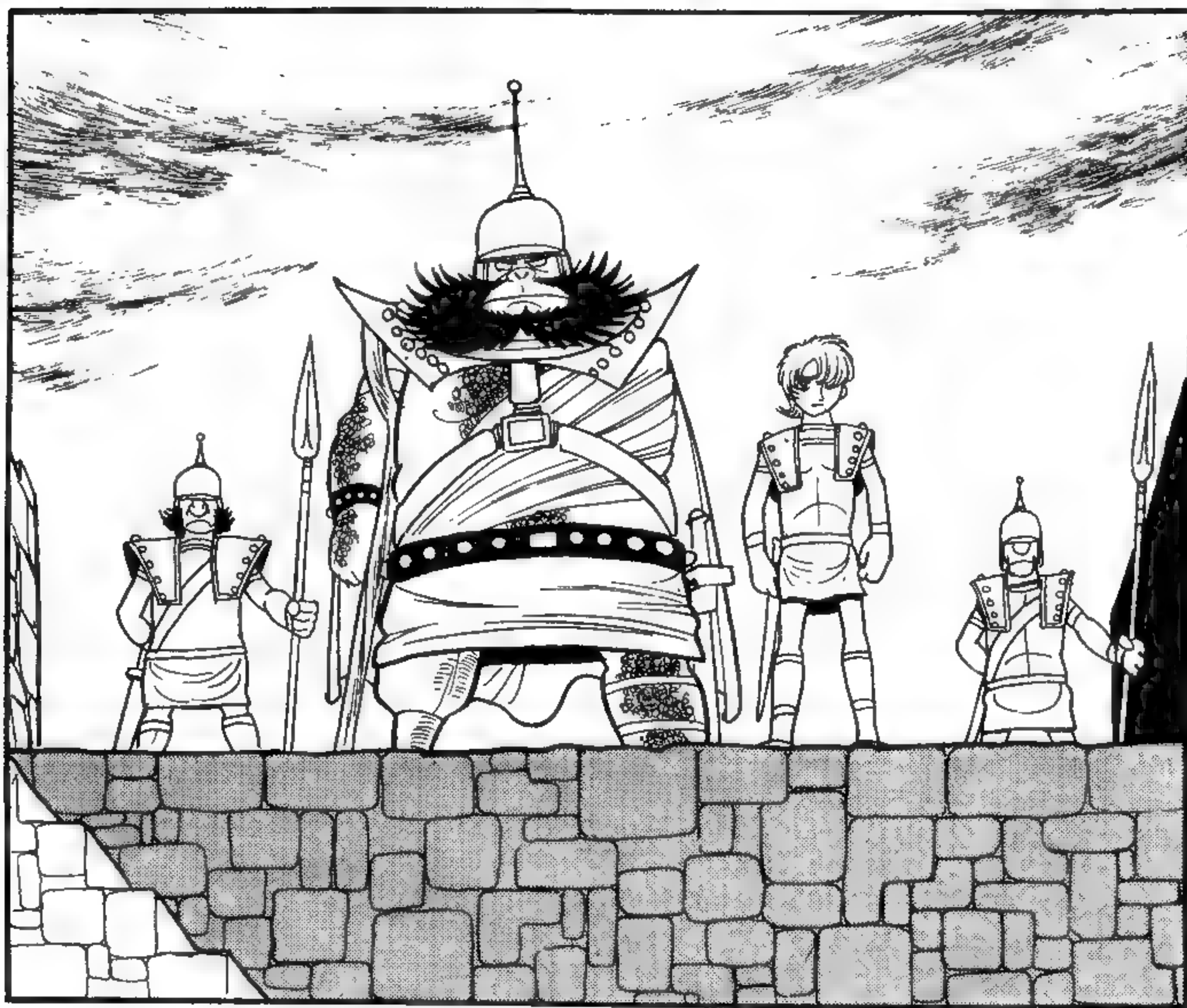
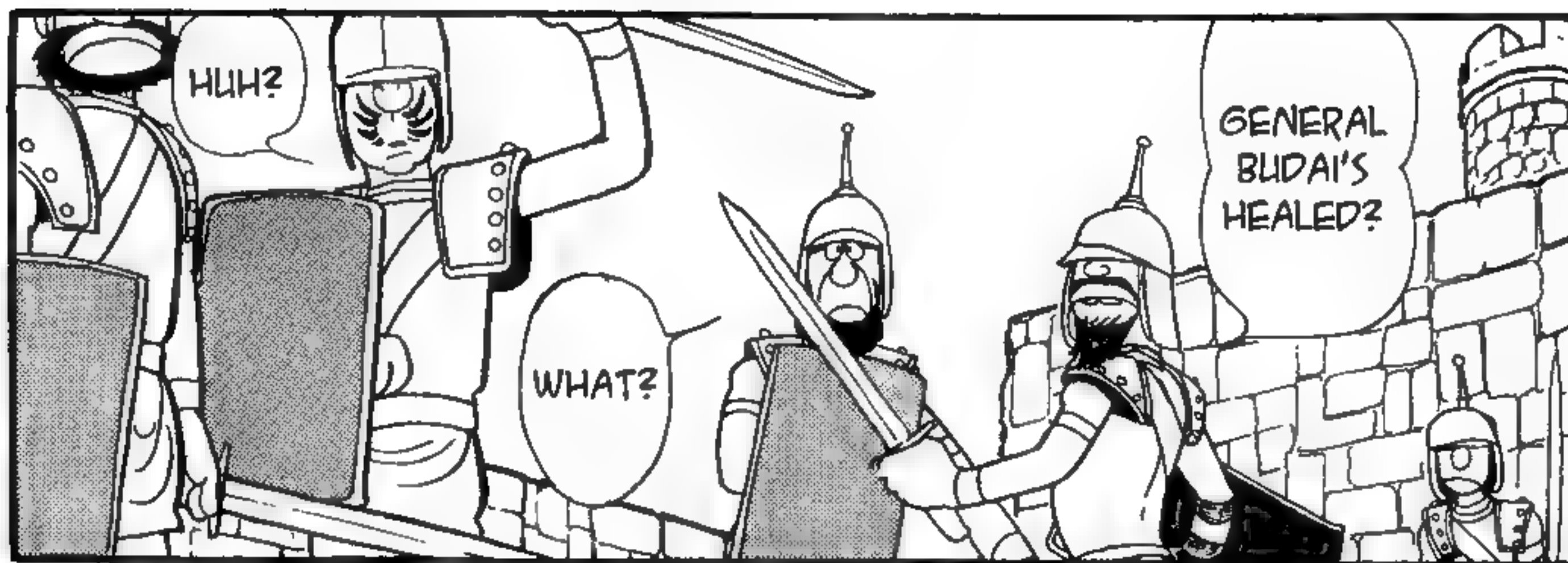
WHY DO HUMANS SUFFER?
WHY DO THEY LIVE?
WHY SHOULD A WORLD
SUCH AS OURS EXIST?
WHY DID THE UNIVERSE
GIVE BIRTH TO IT?

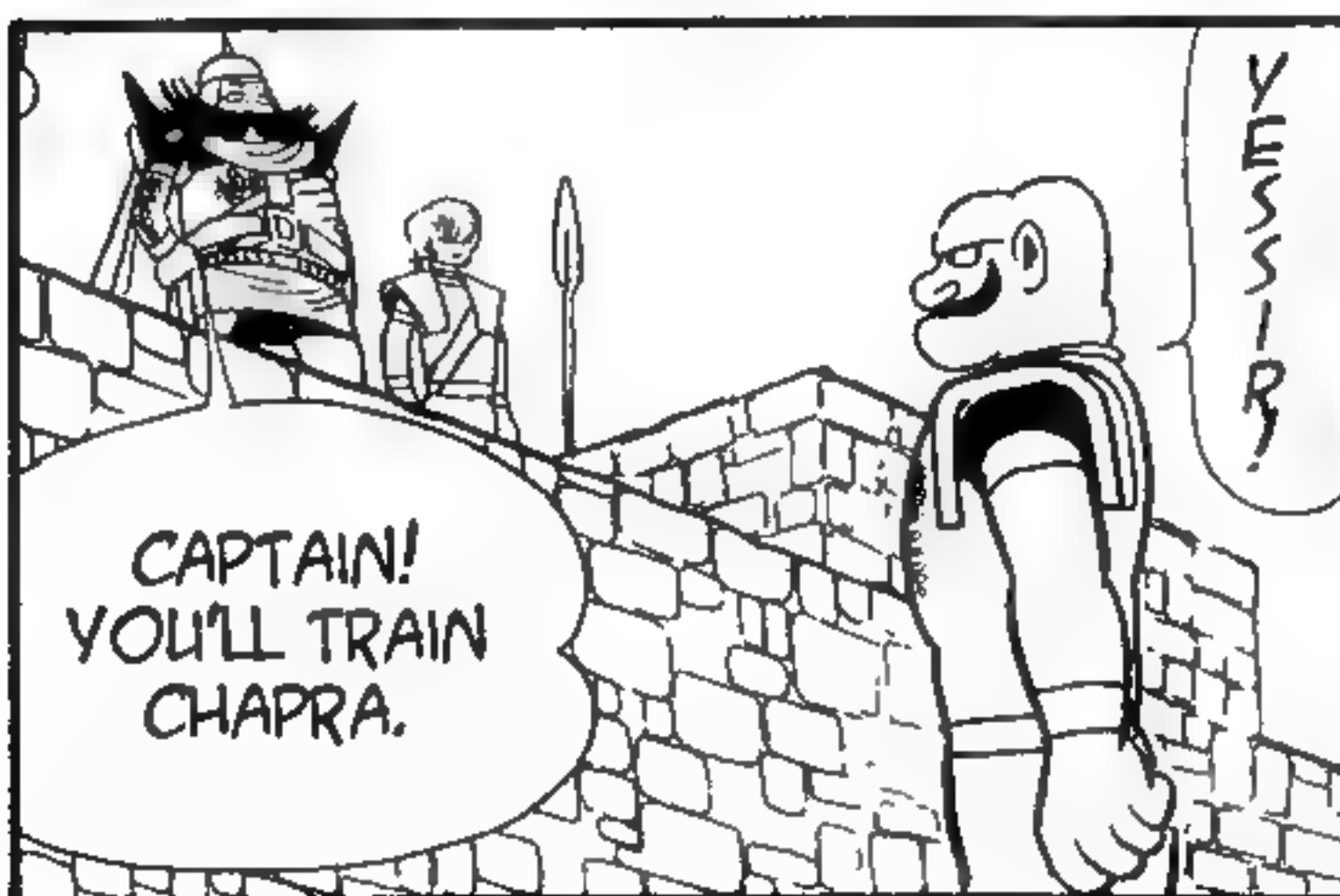
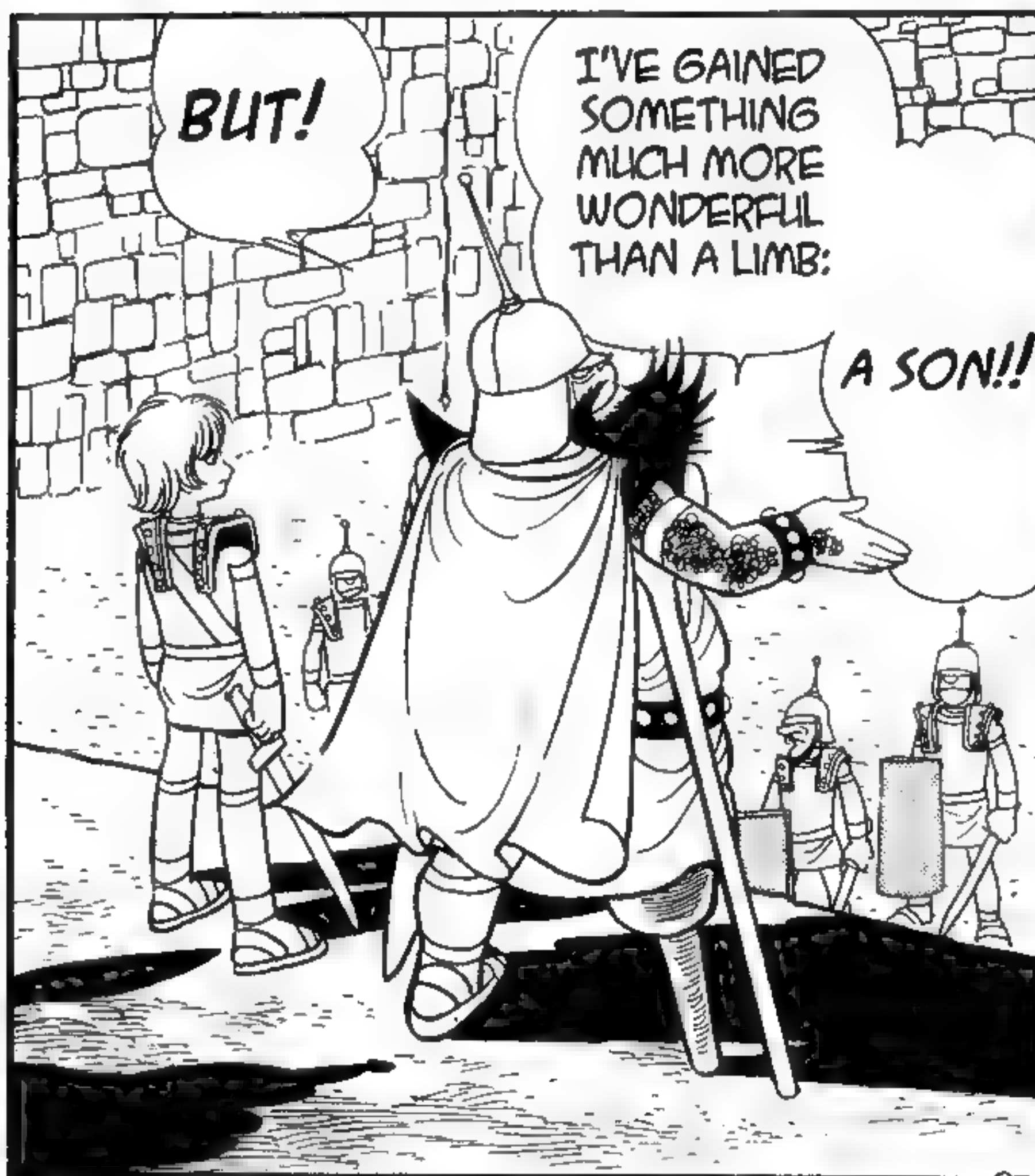
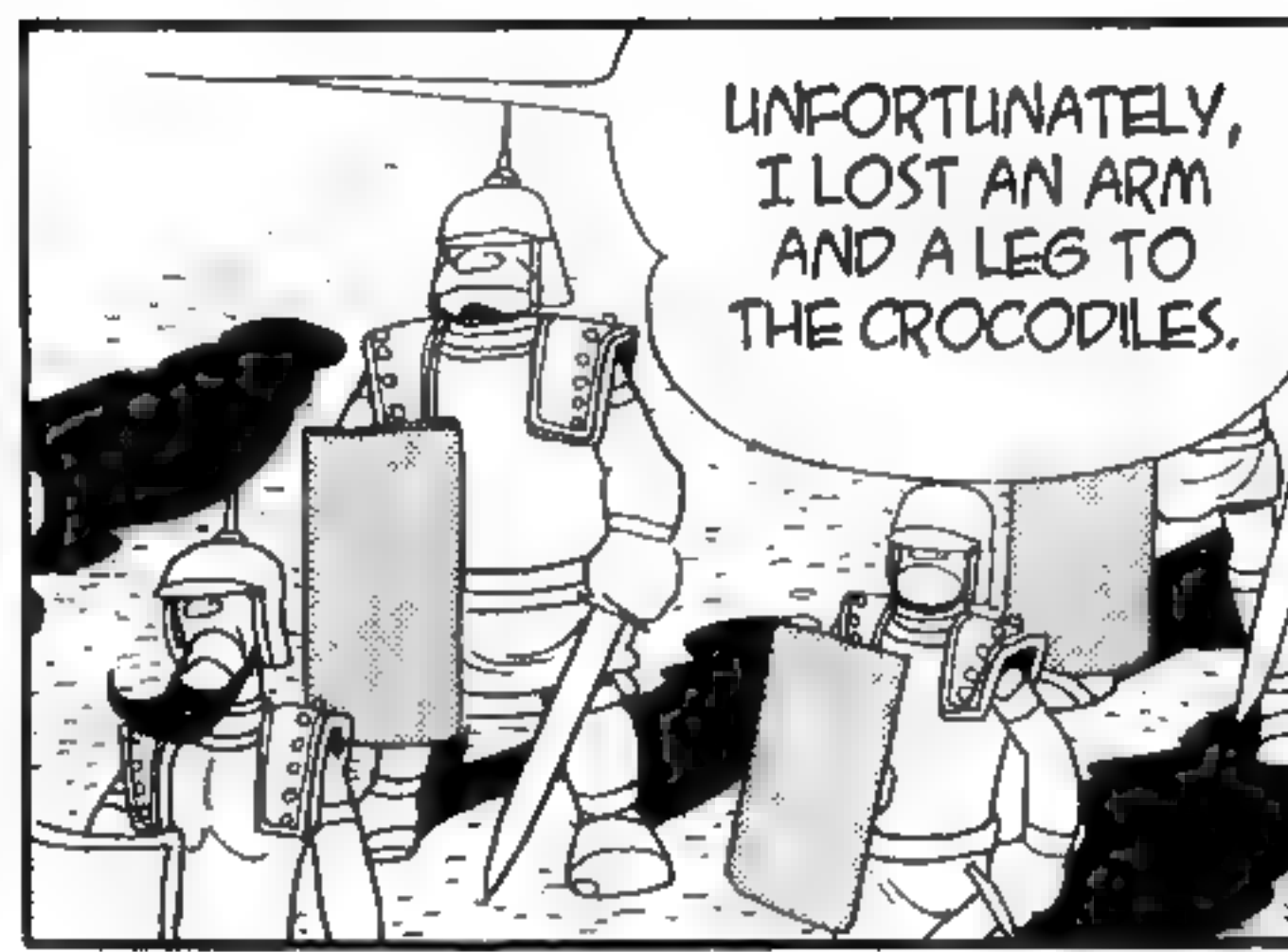
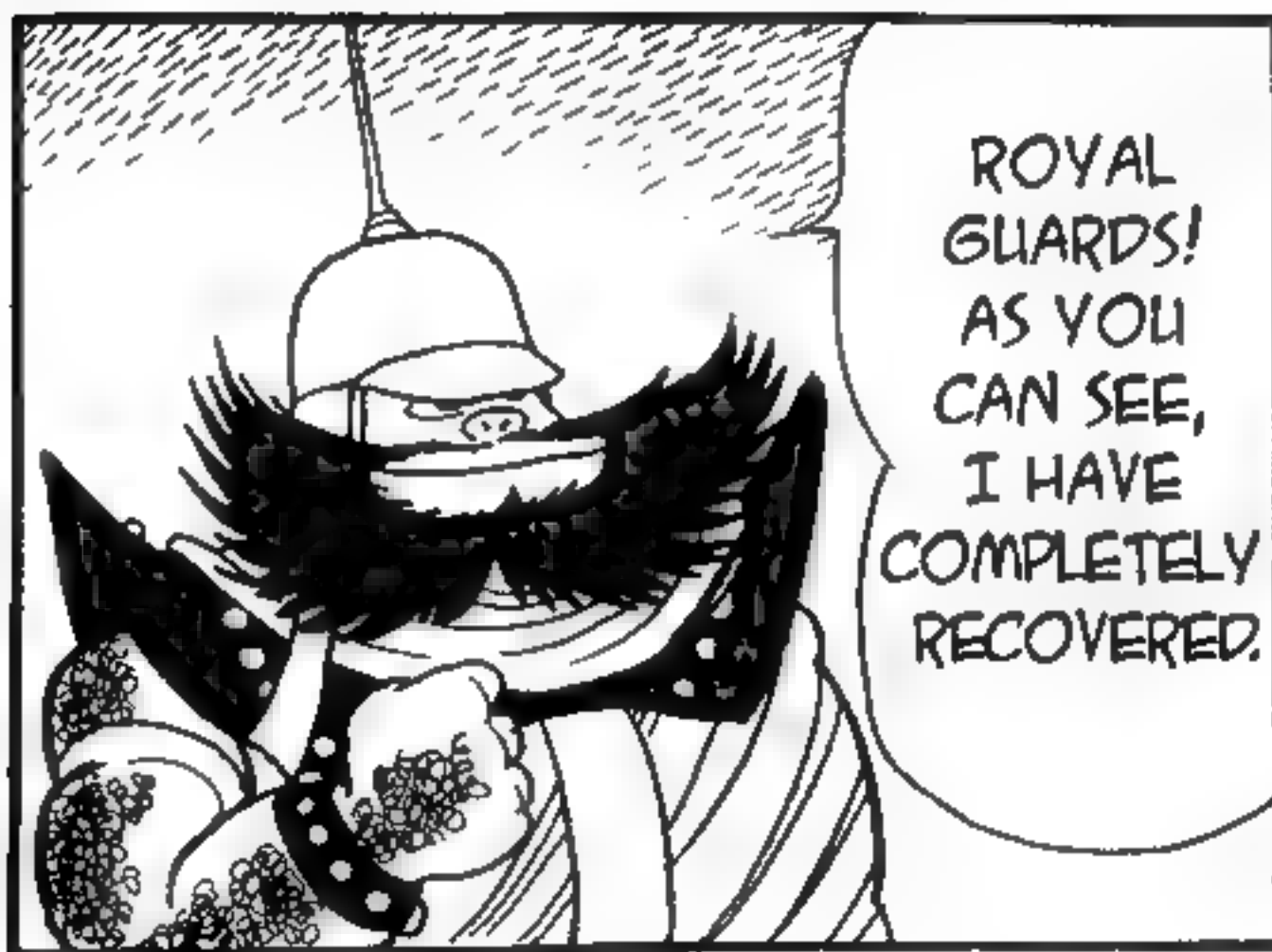
PEOPLE SOUGHT ANSWERS
TO THESE QUESTIONS.
AND SOON, THE ONE WHO
HELD THE KEY TO THE
RIDDLES WOULD APPEAR.
IN FOUR MONTHS' TIME,
THAT GREAT ONE WAS TO
RECEIVE LIFE UPON EARTH.

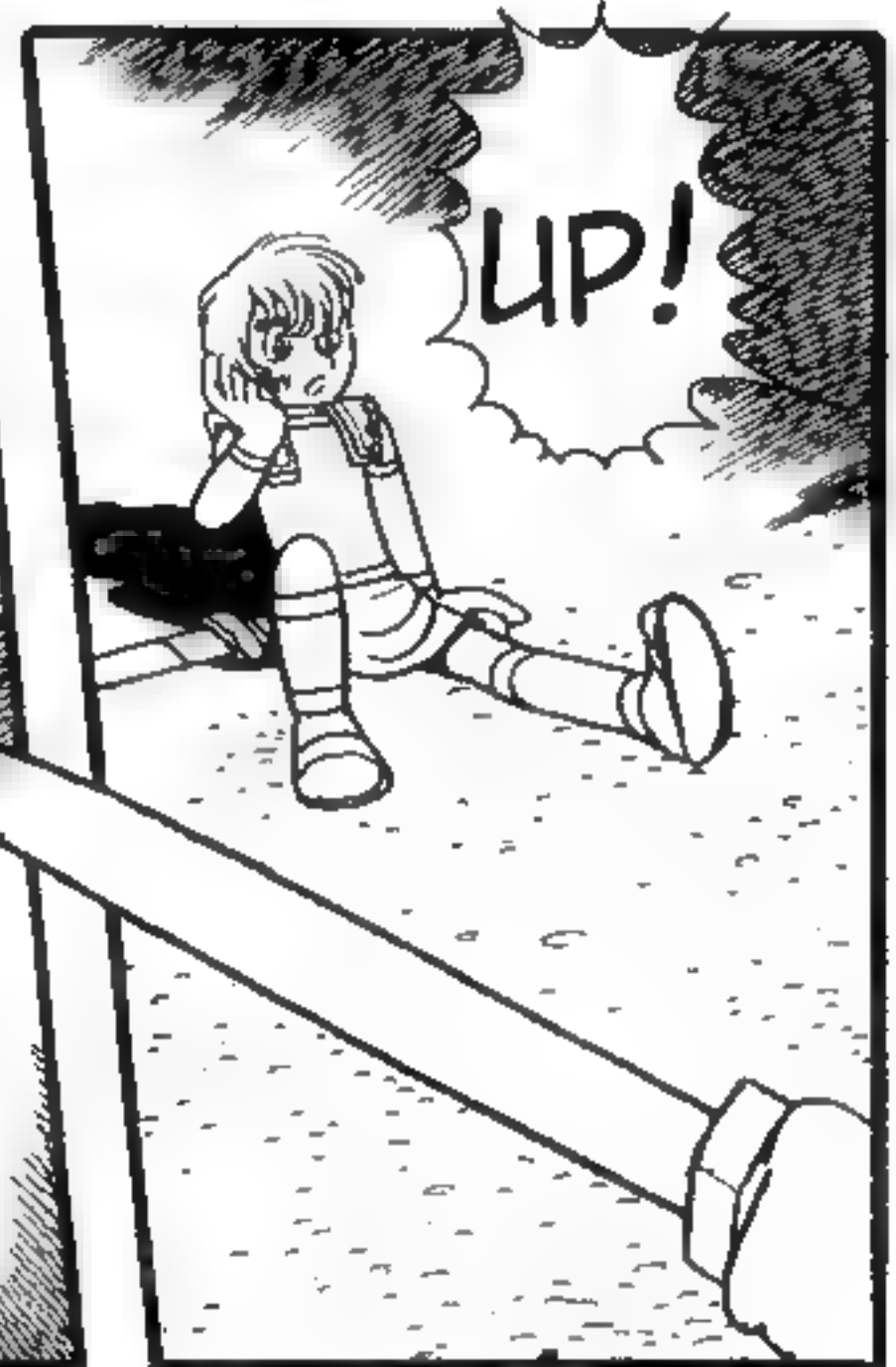
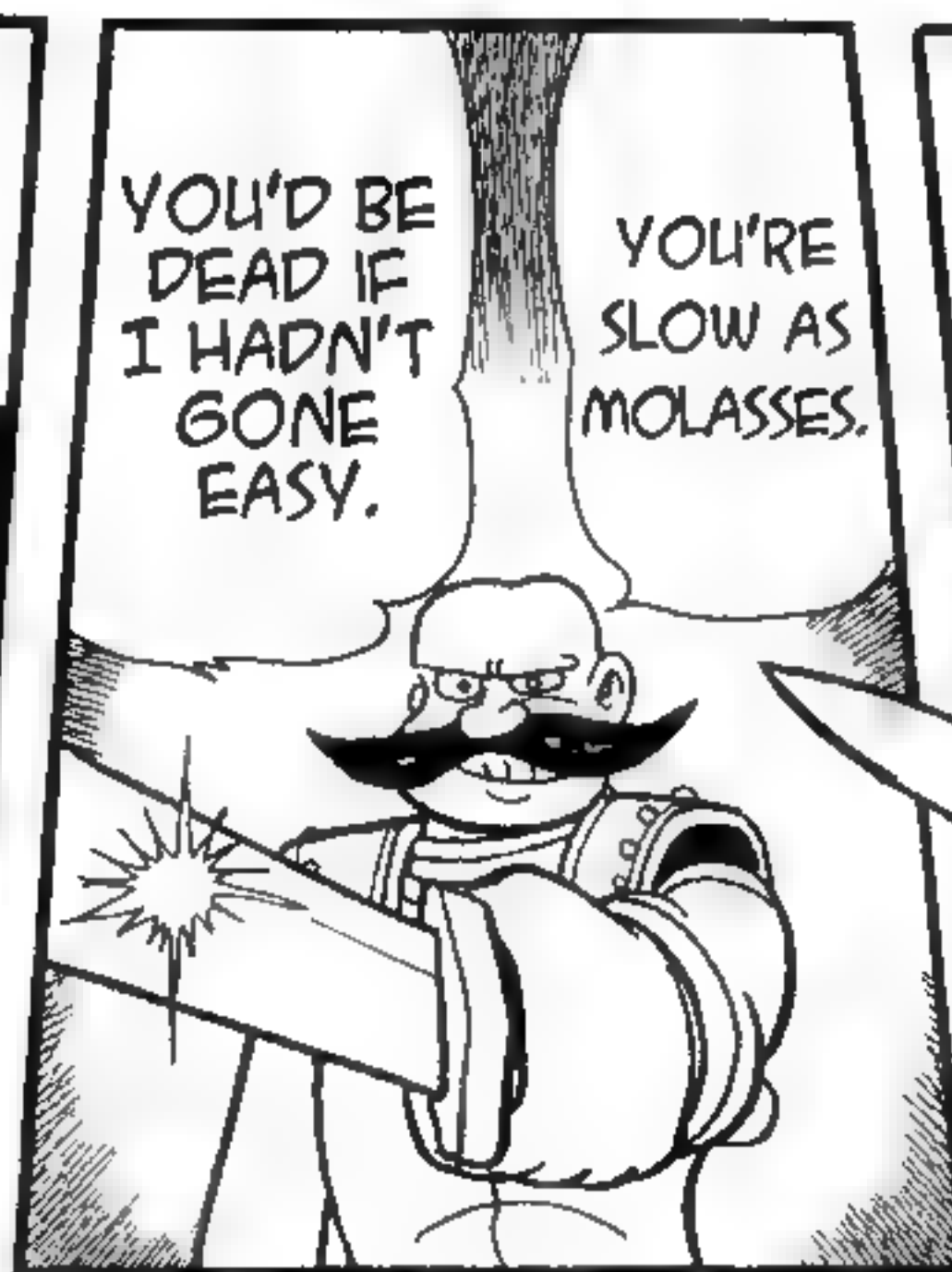
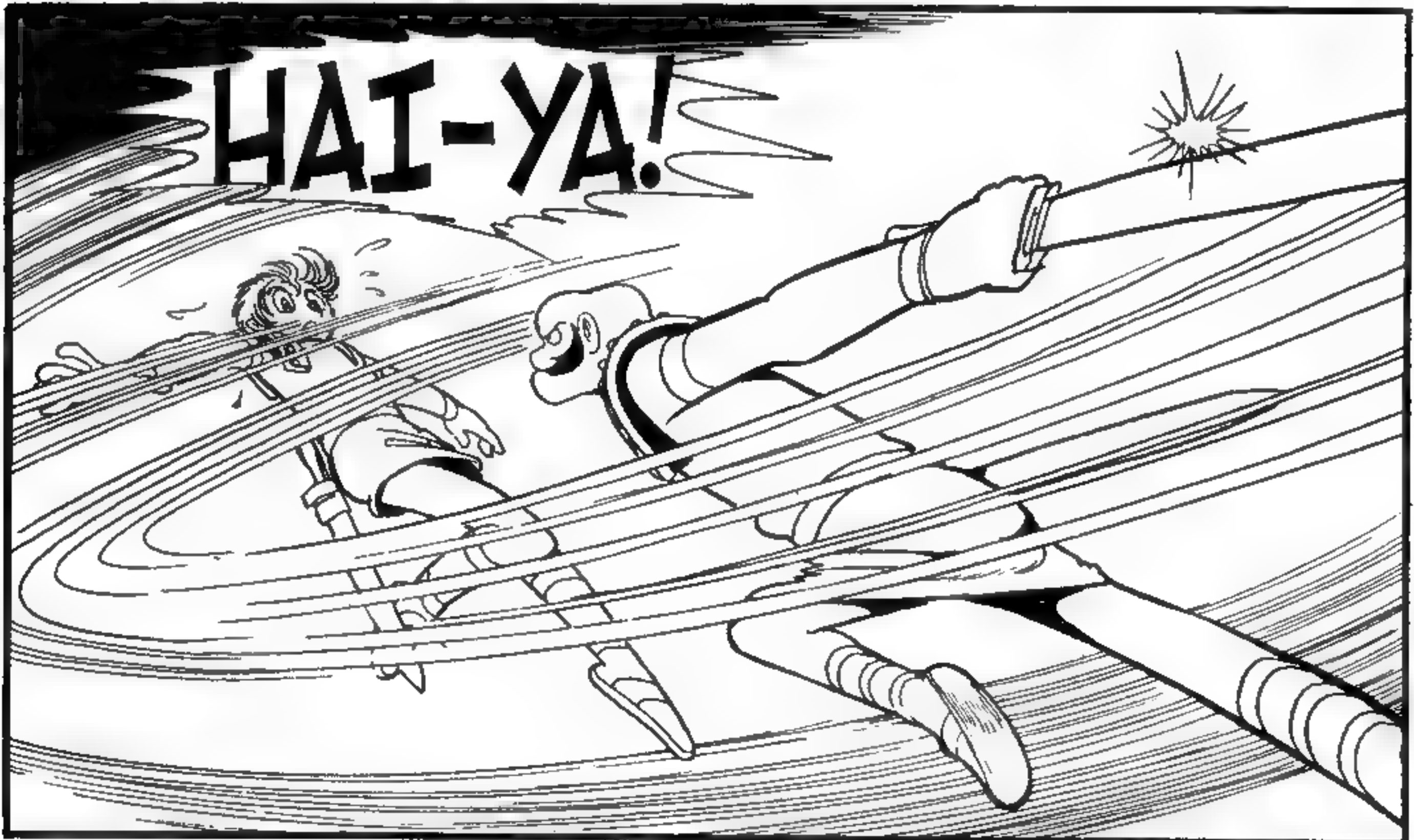
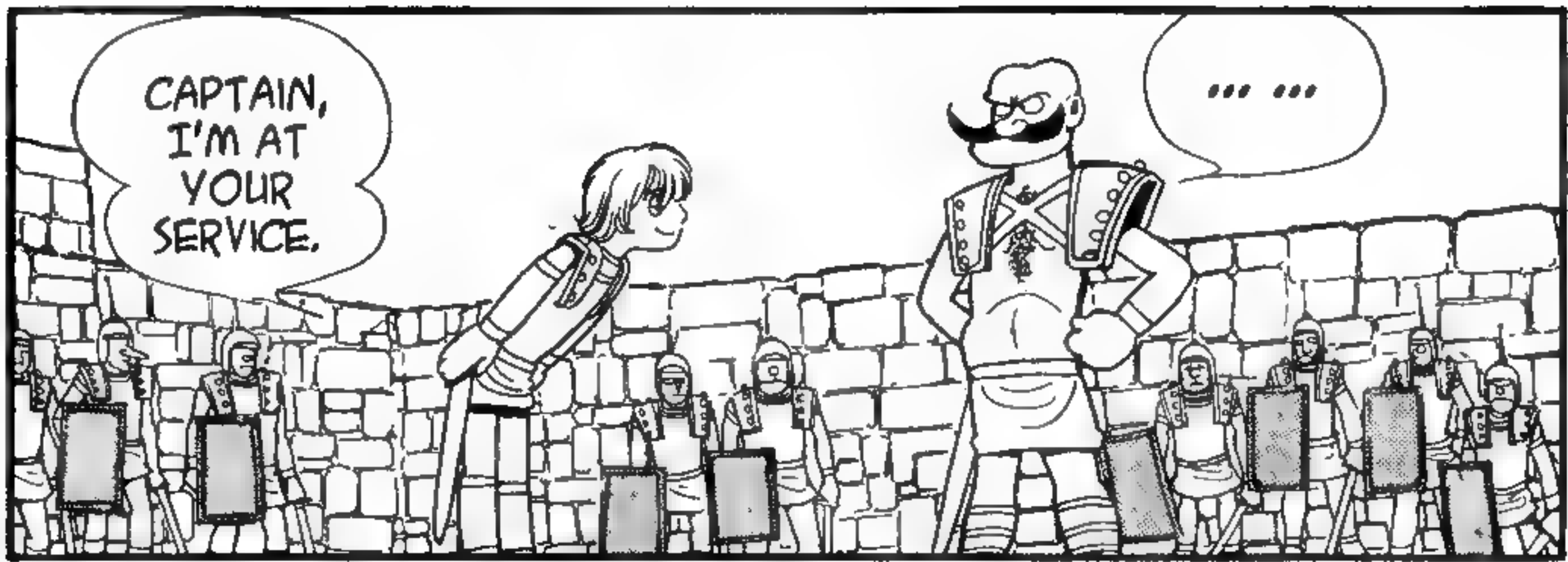
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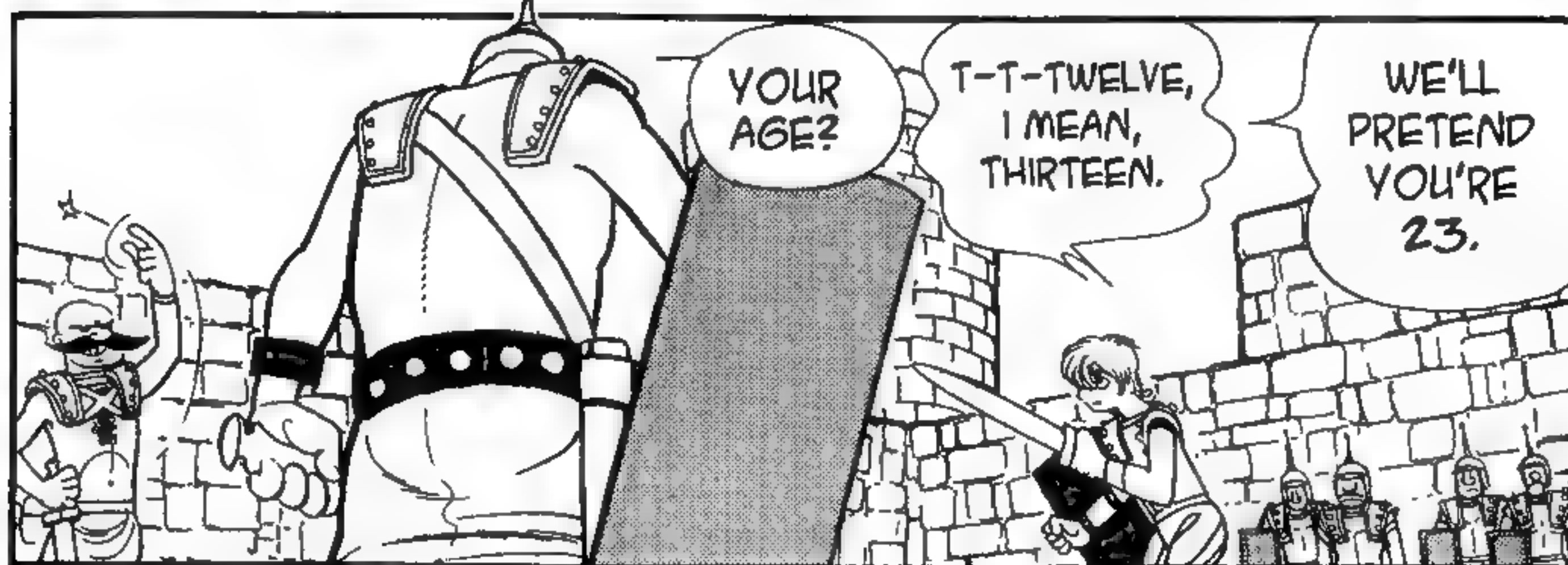
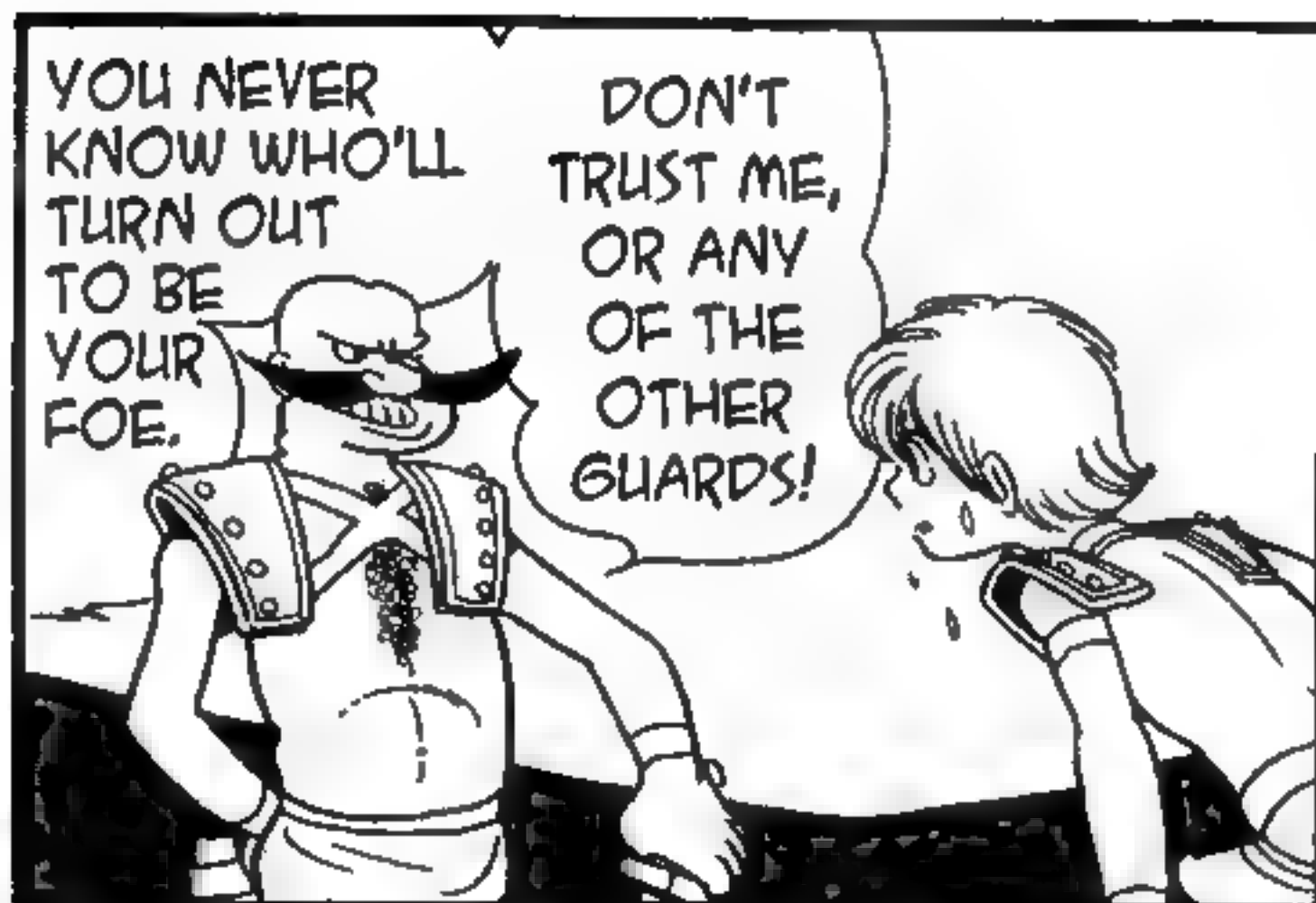
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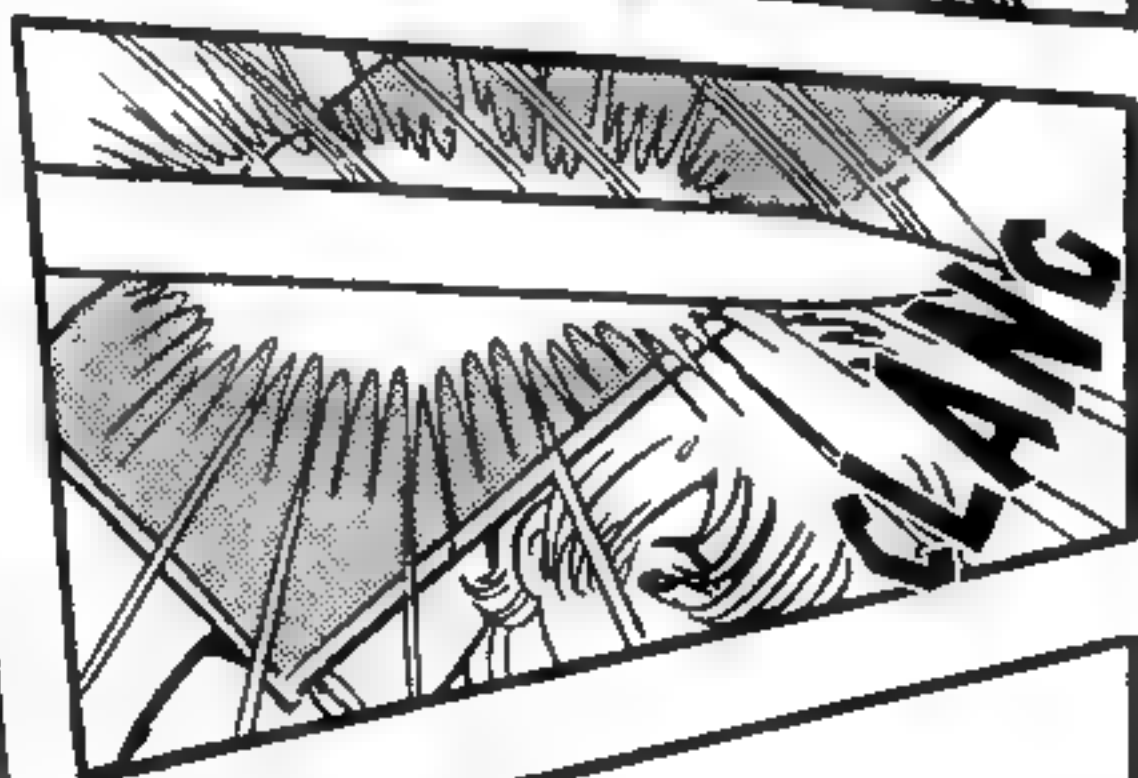
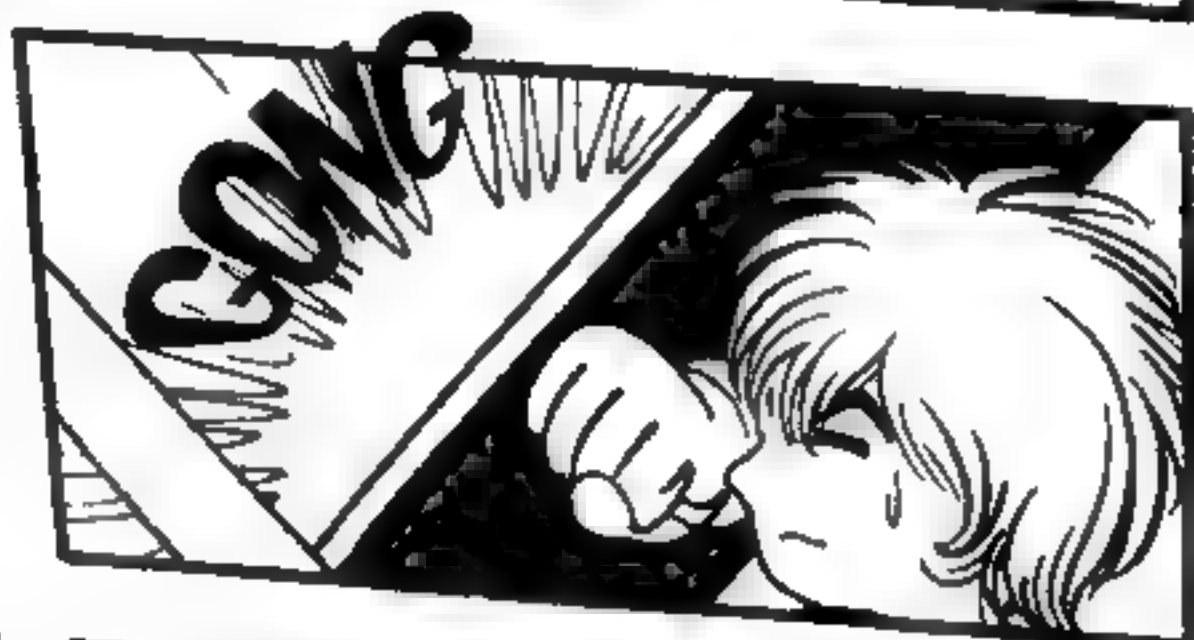
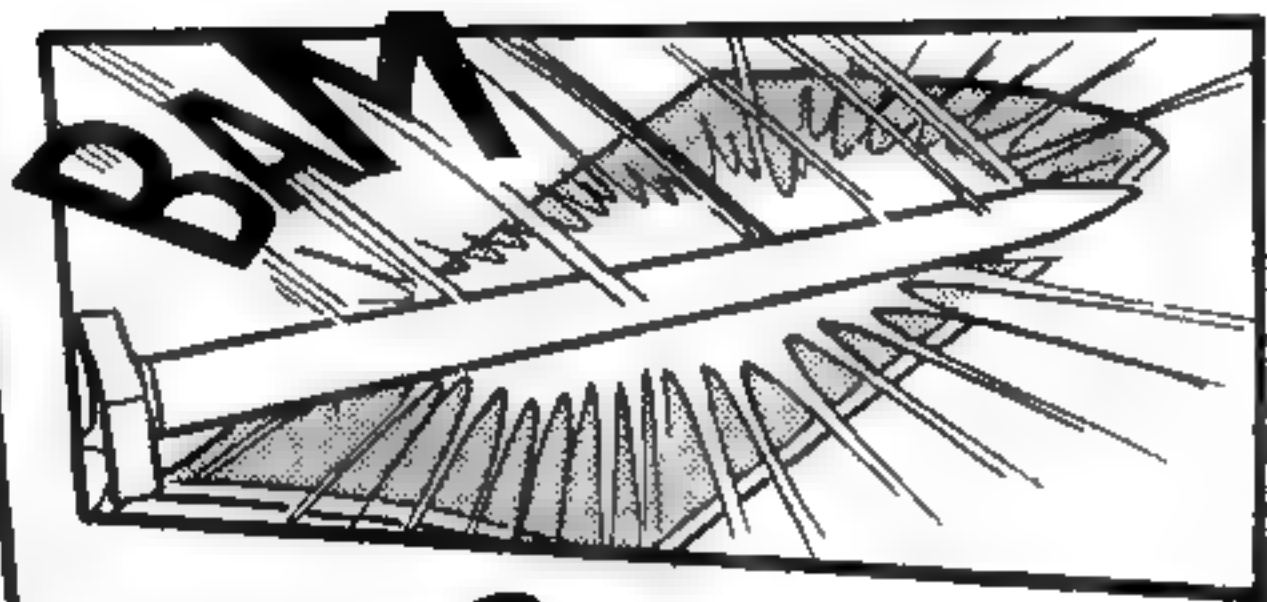
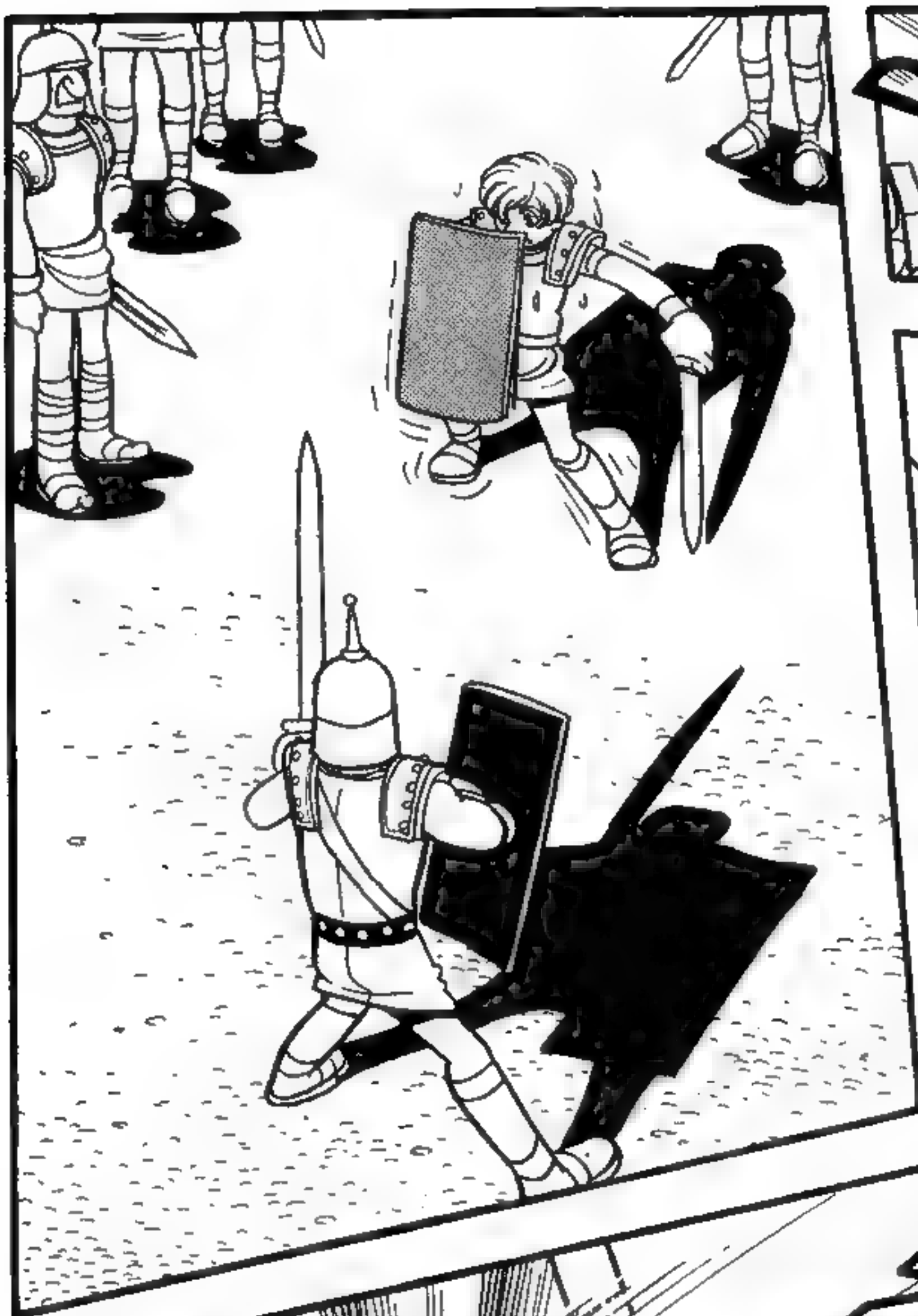


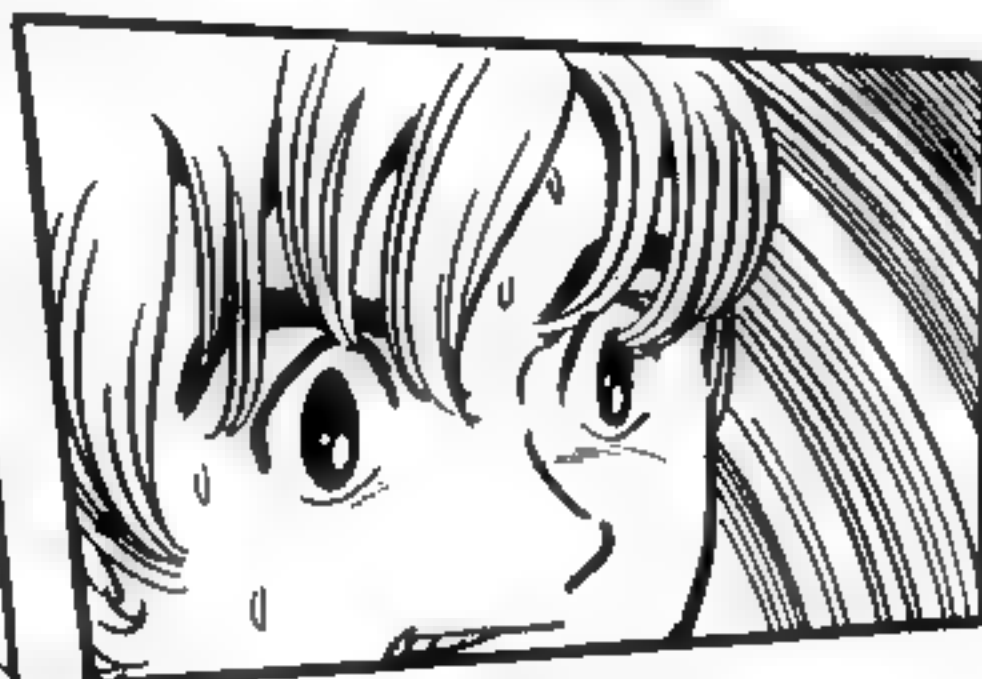
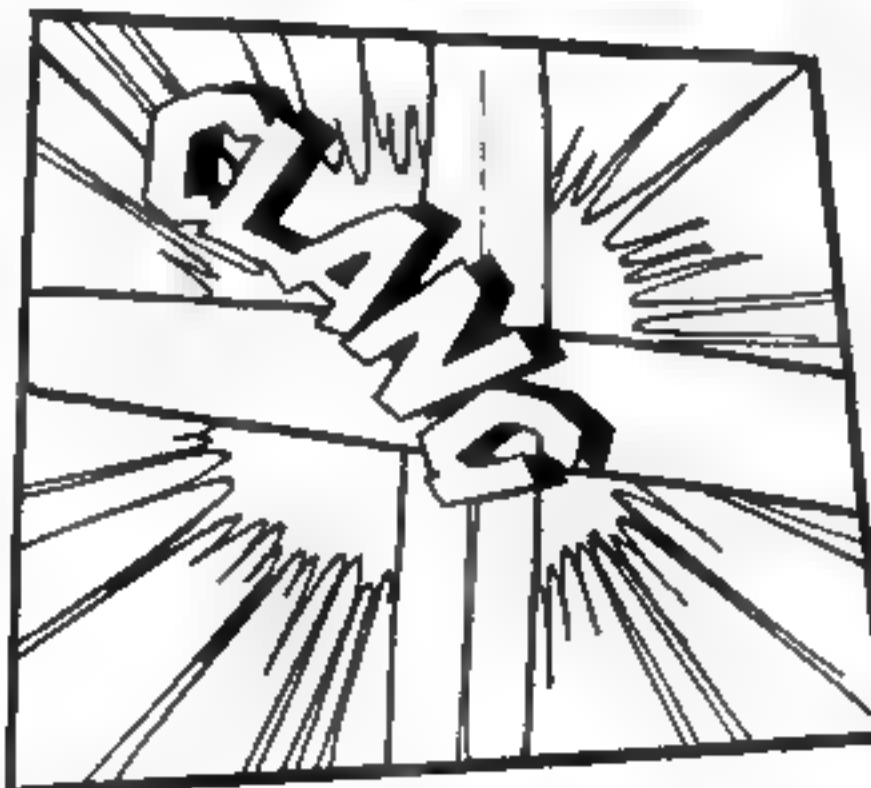
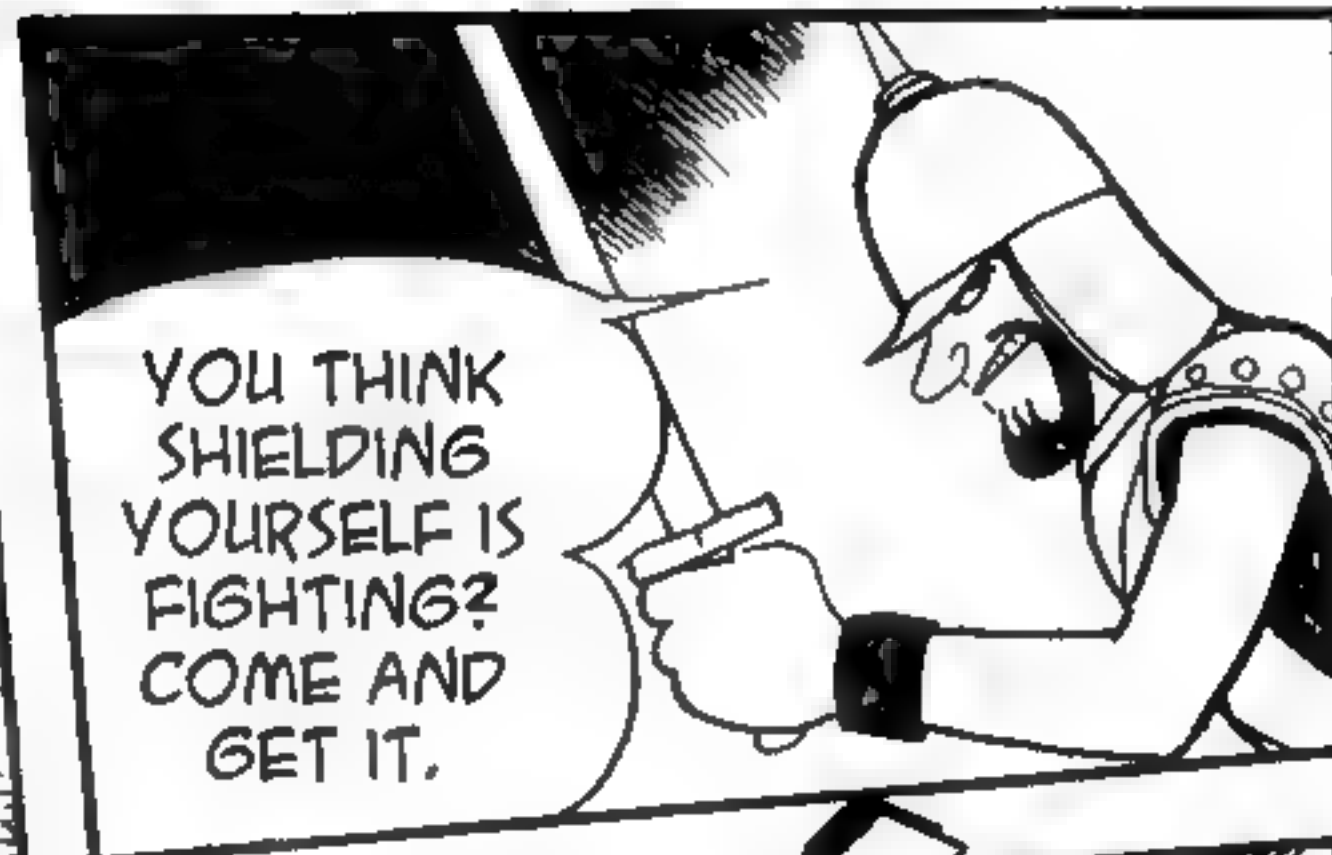


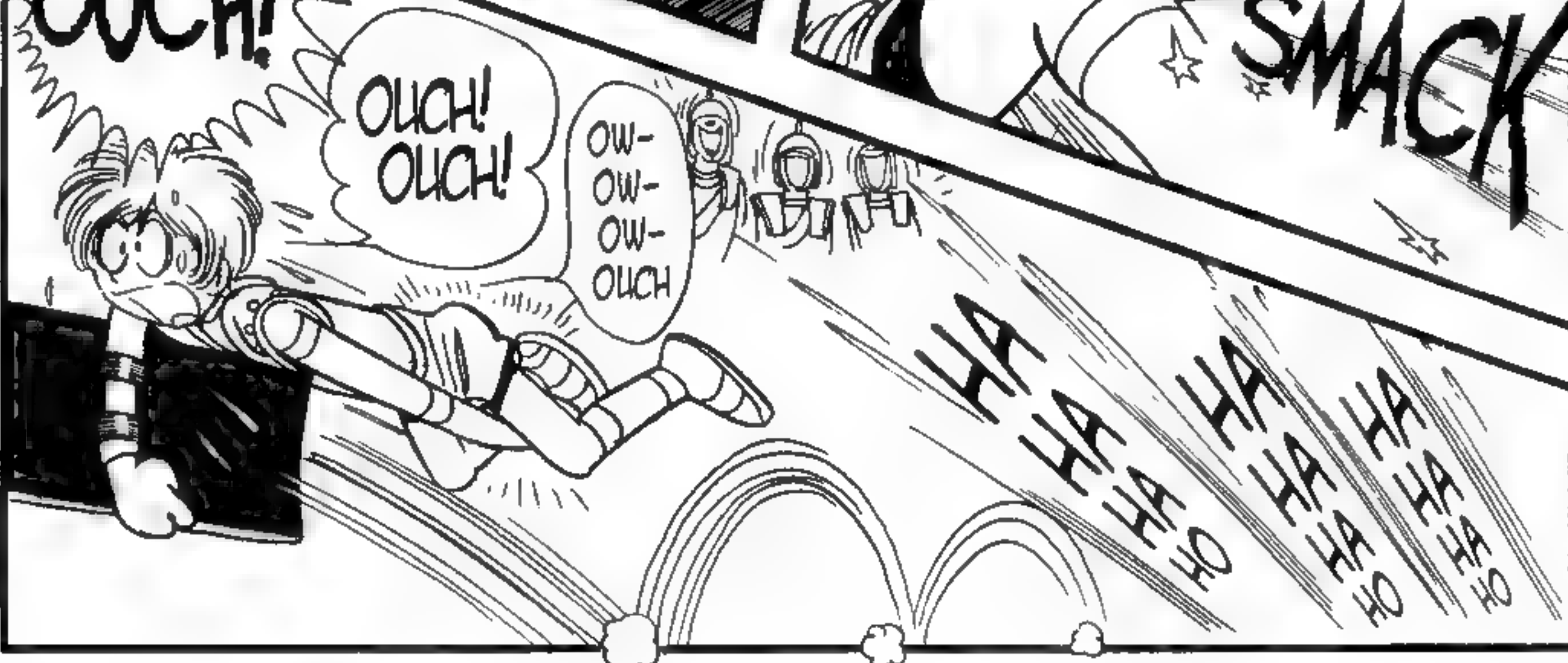
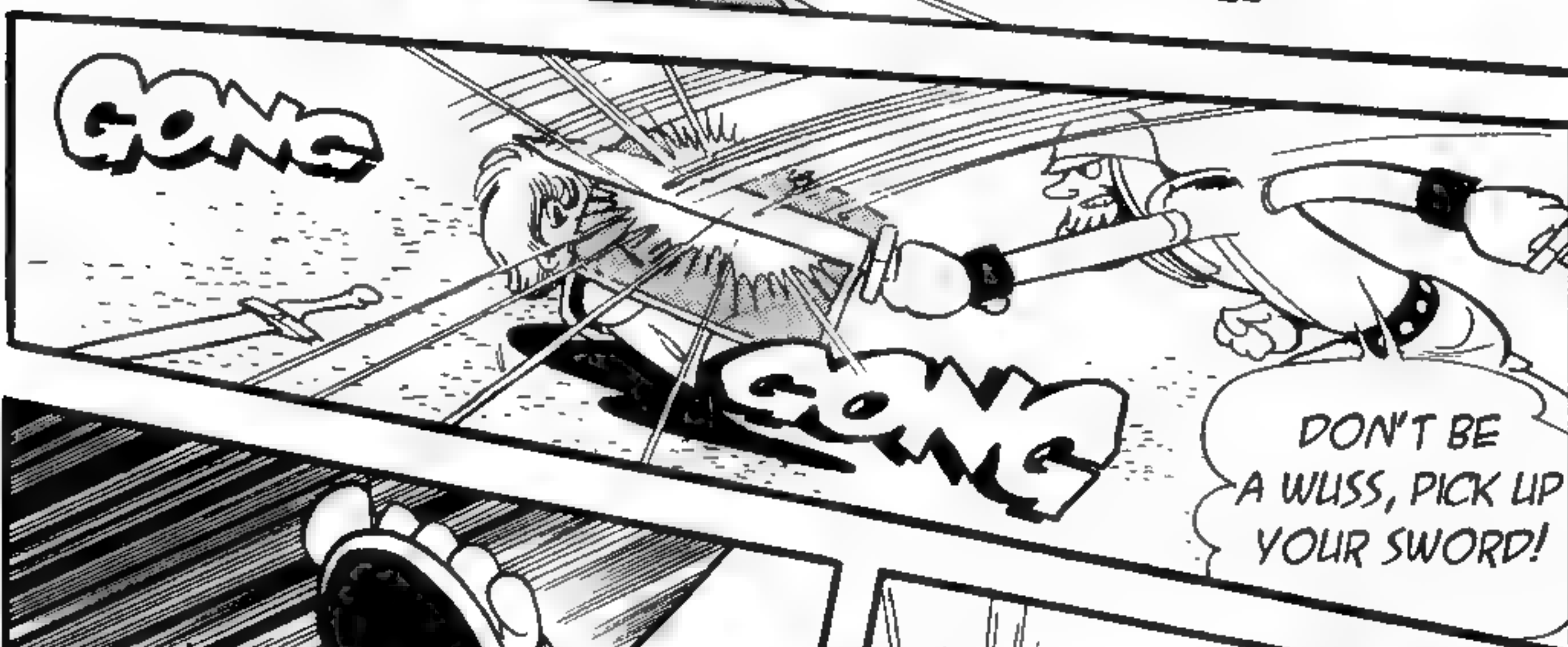
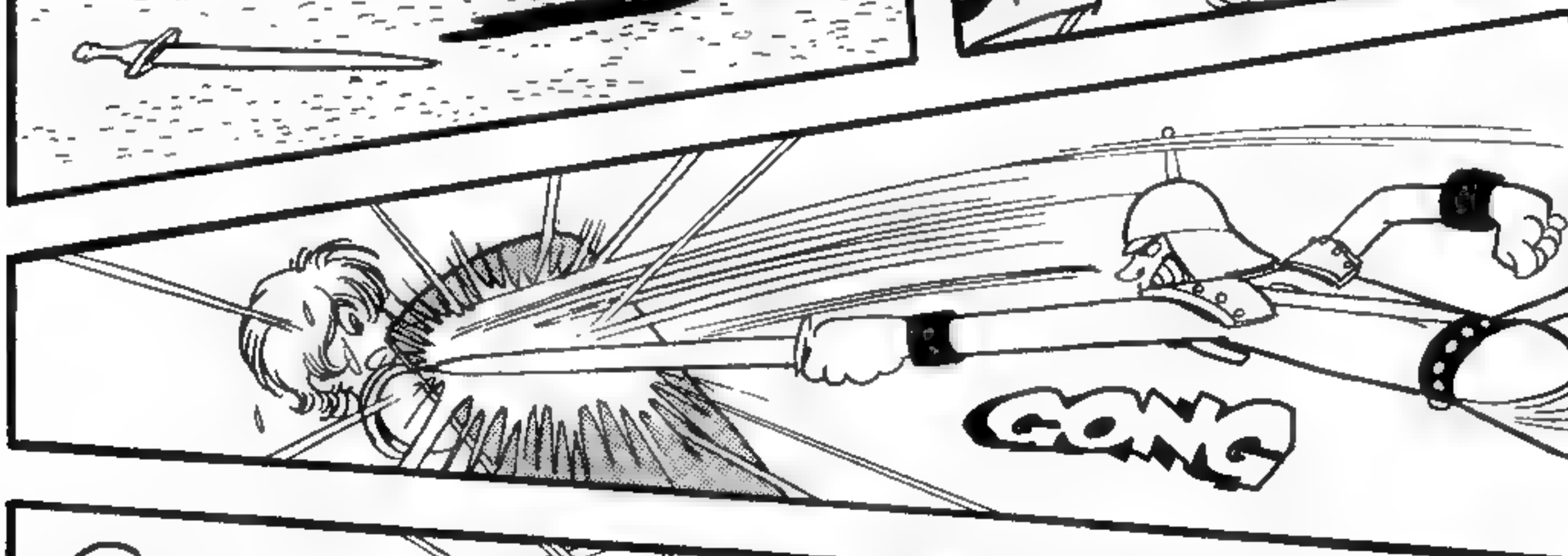
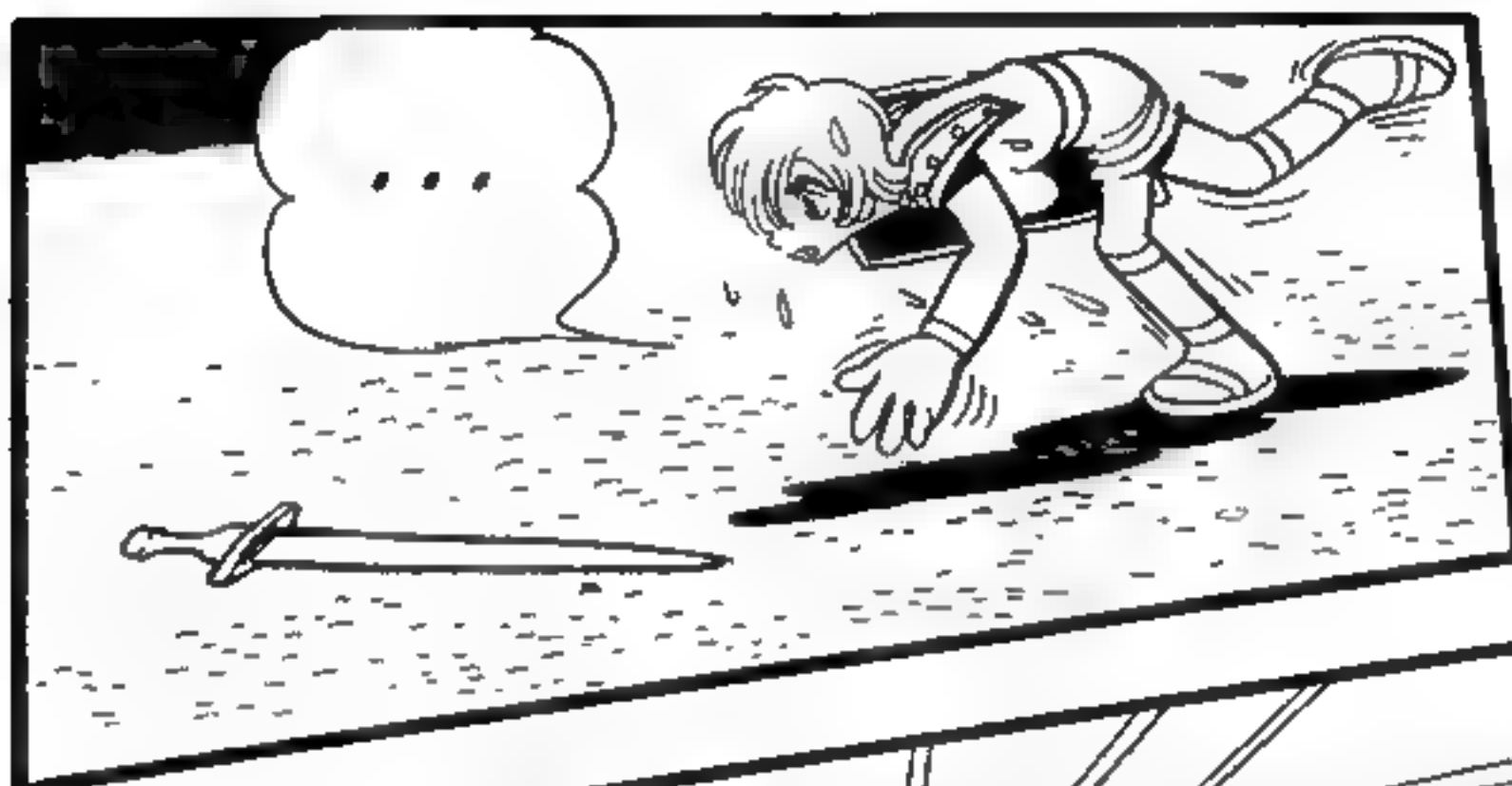




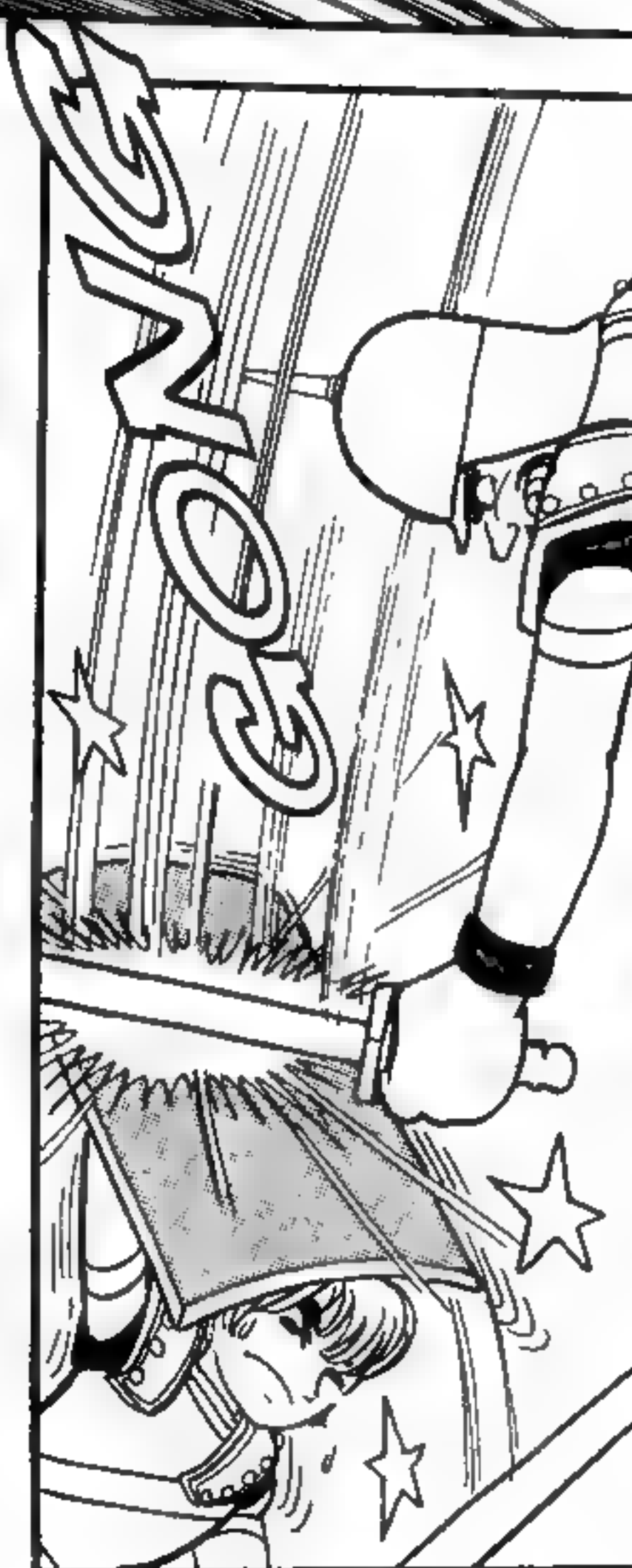
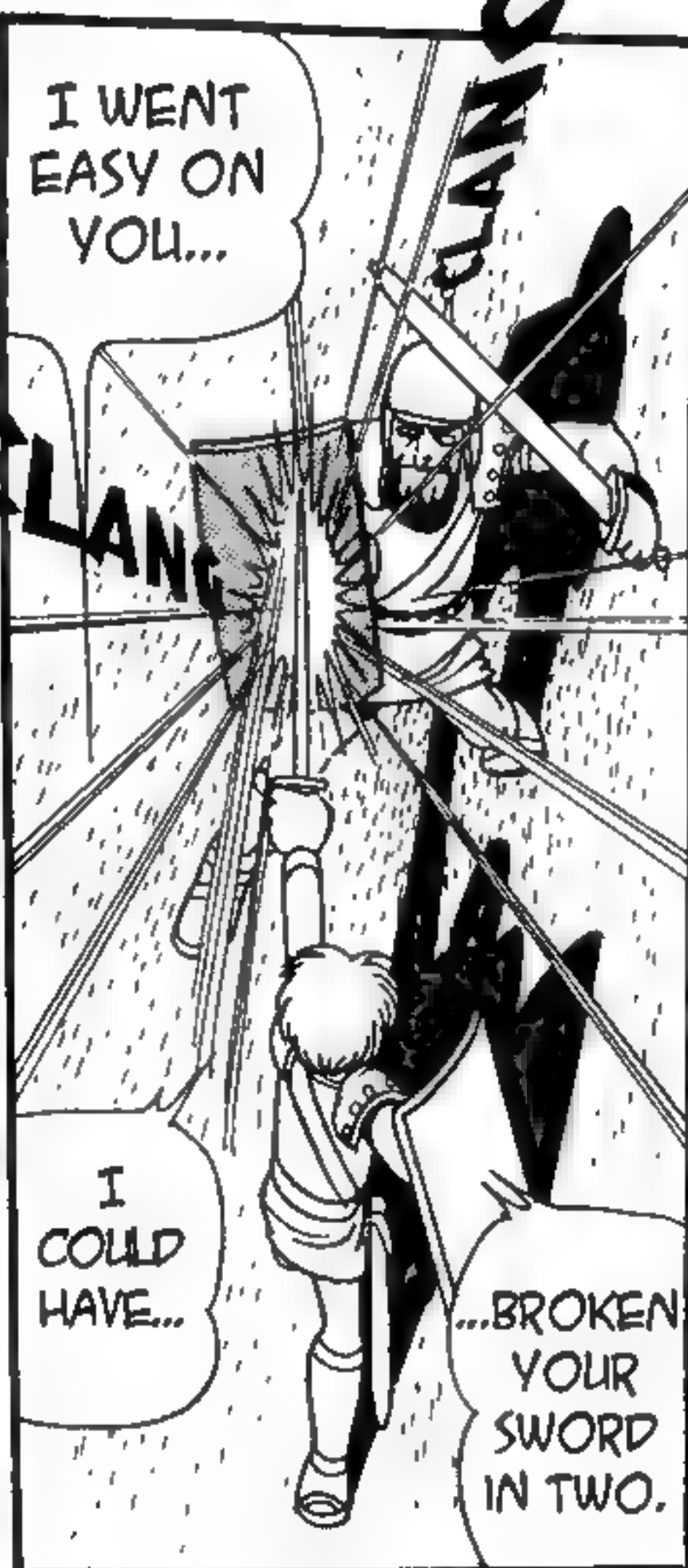
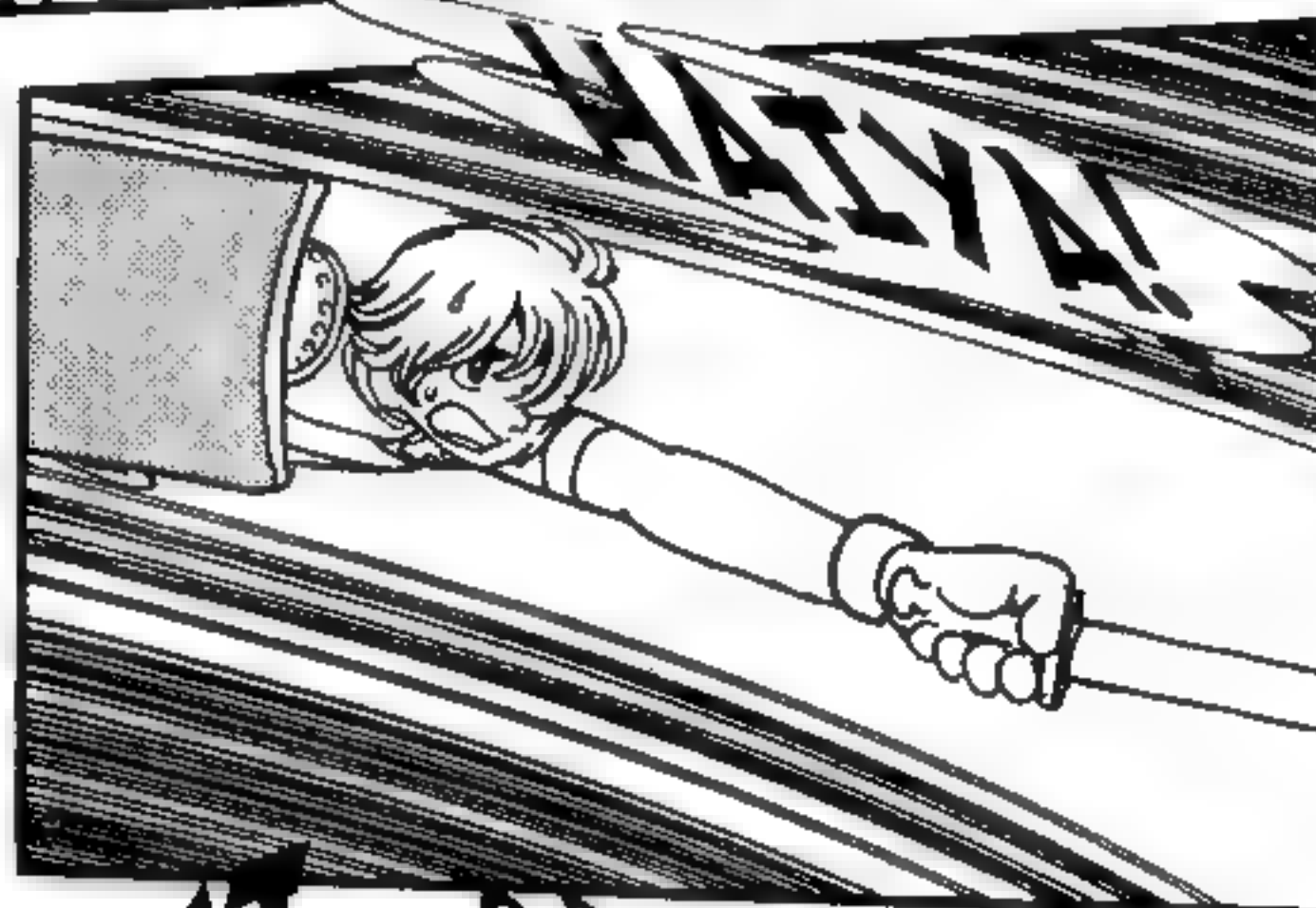
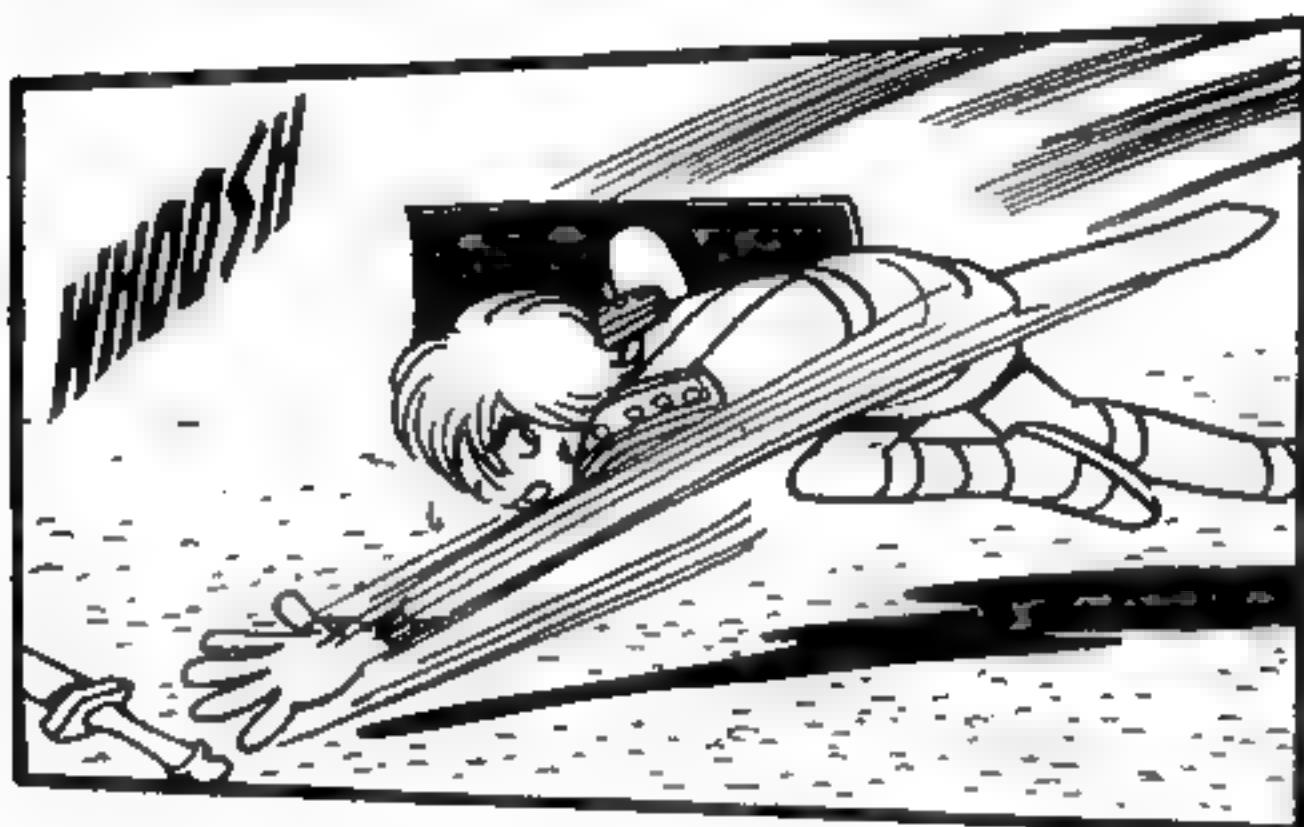


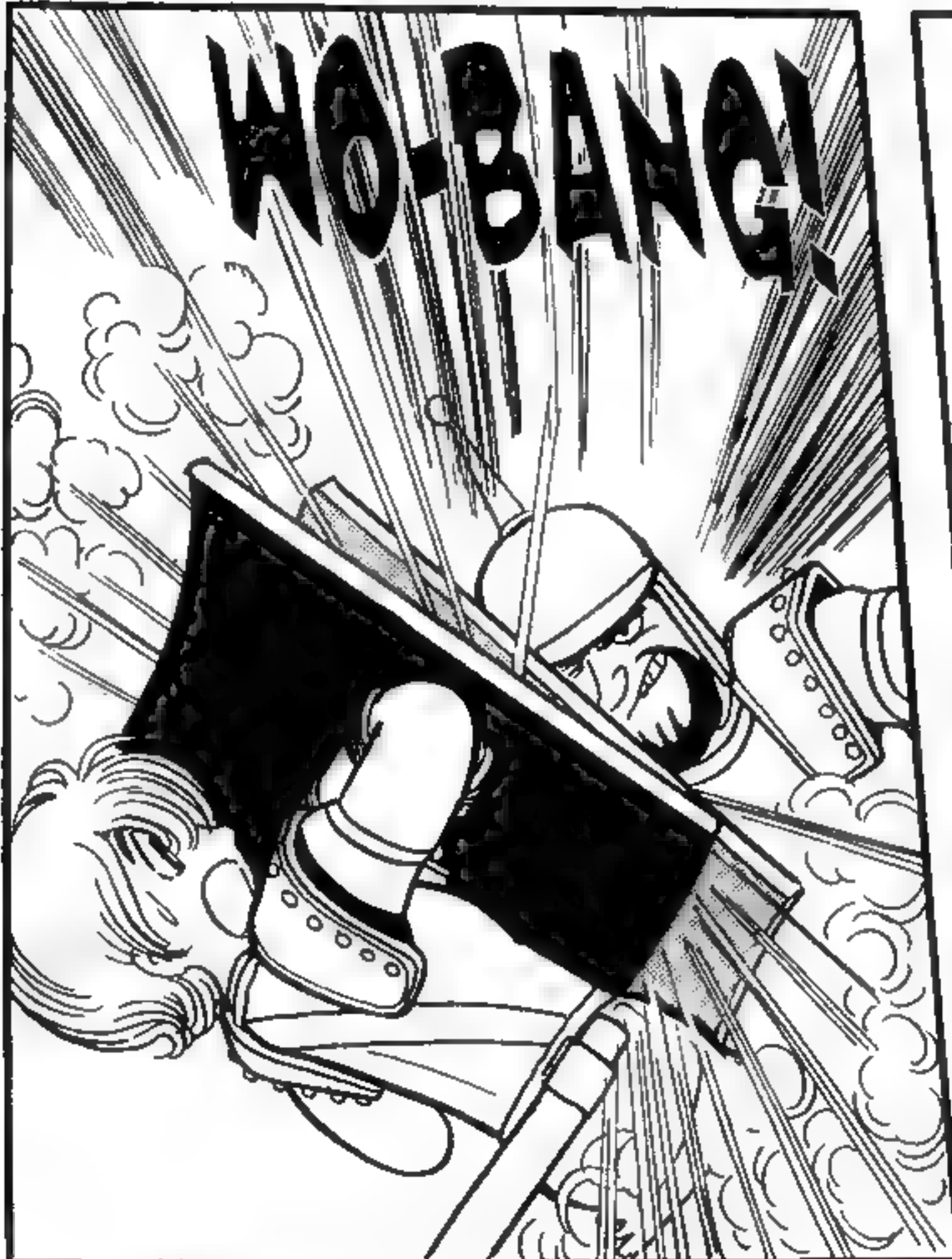
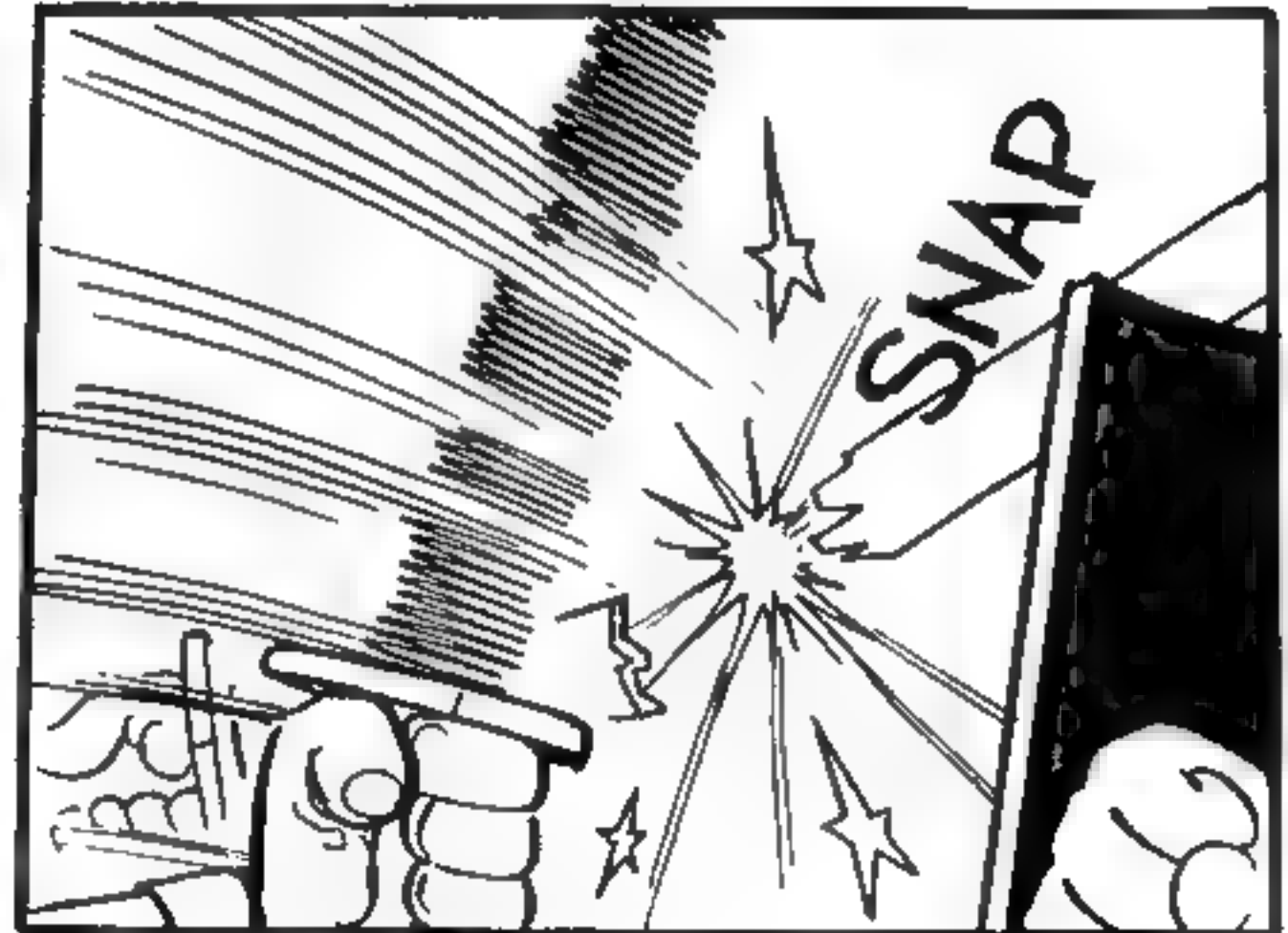
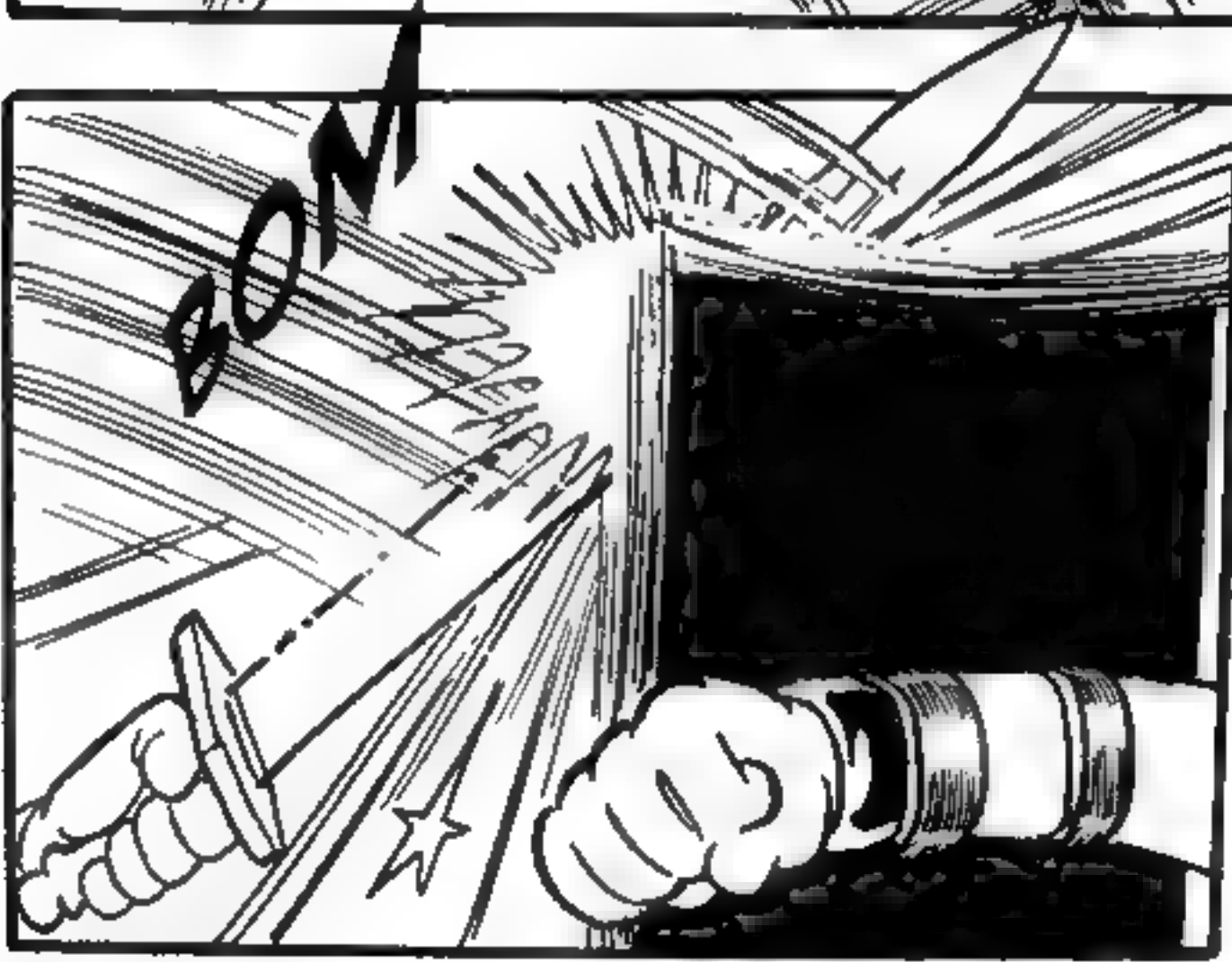
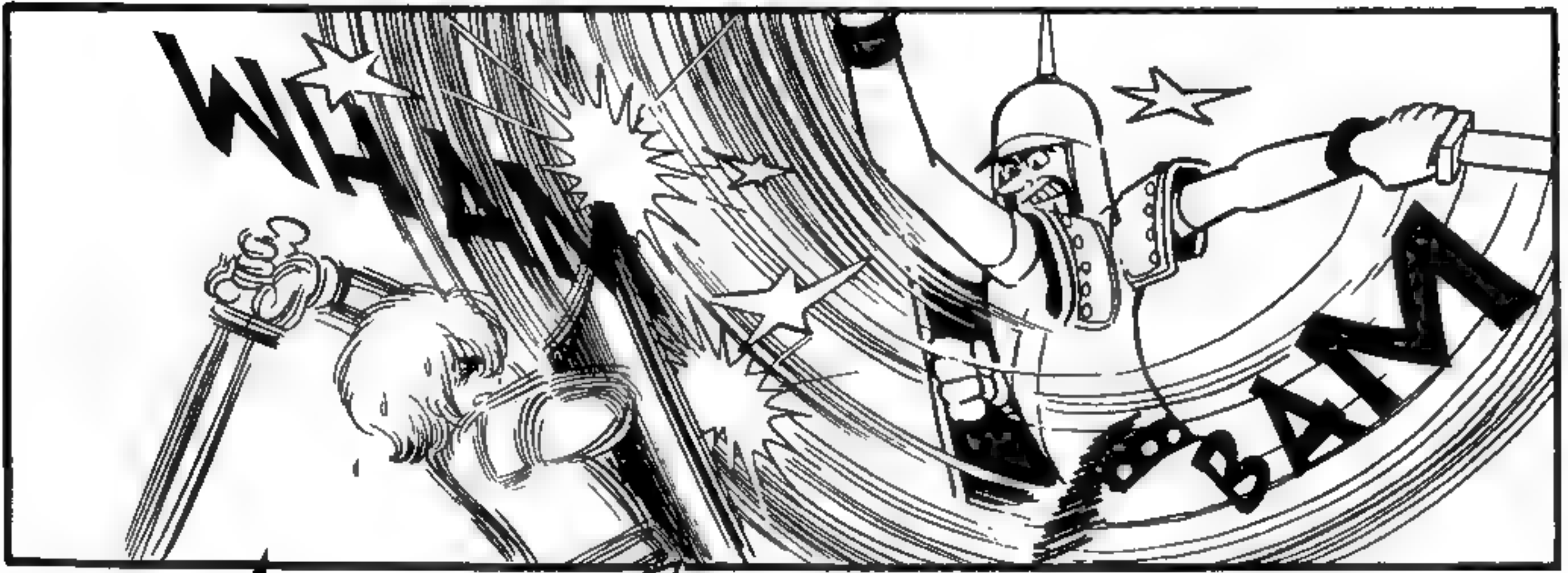


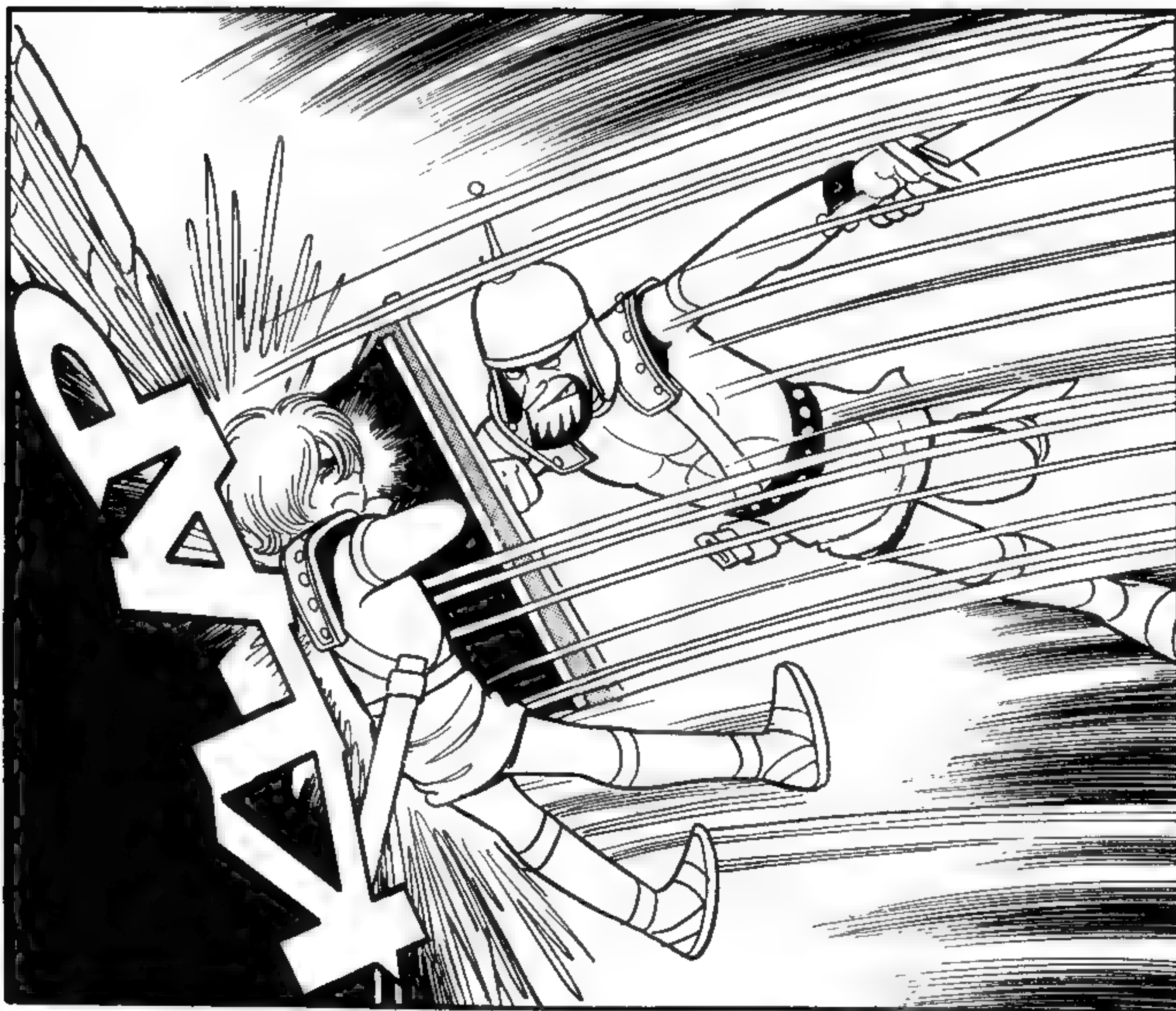








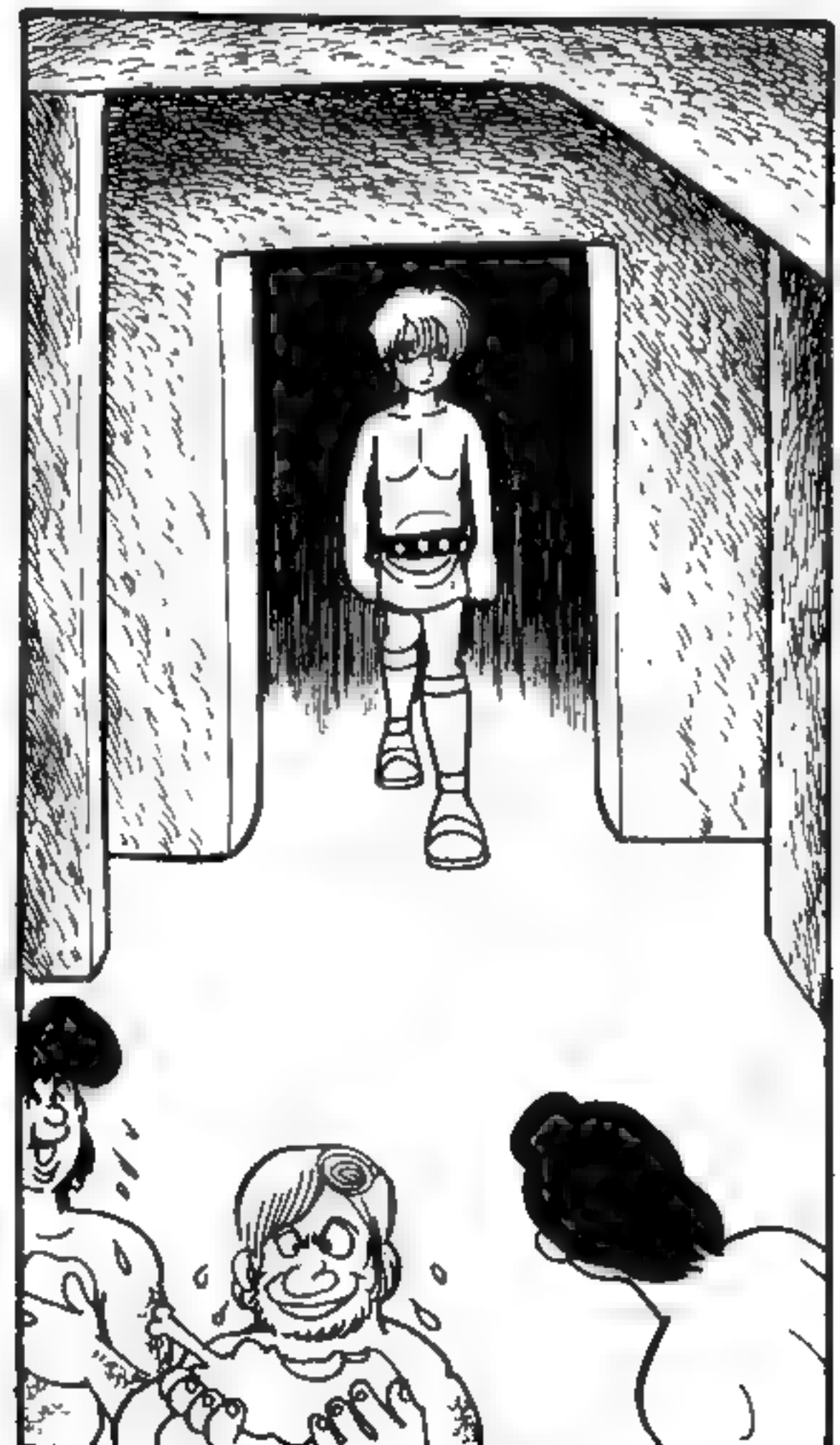
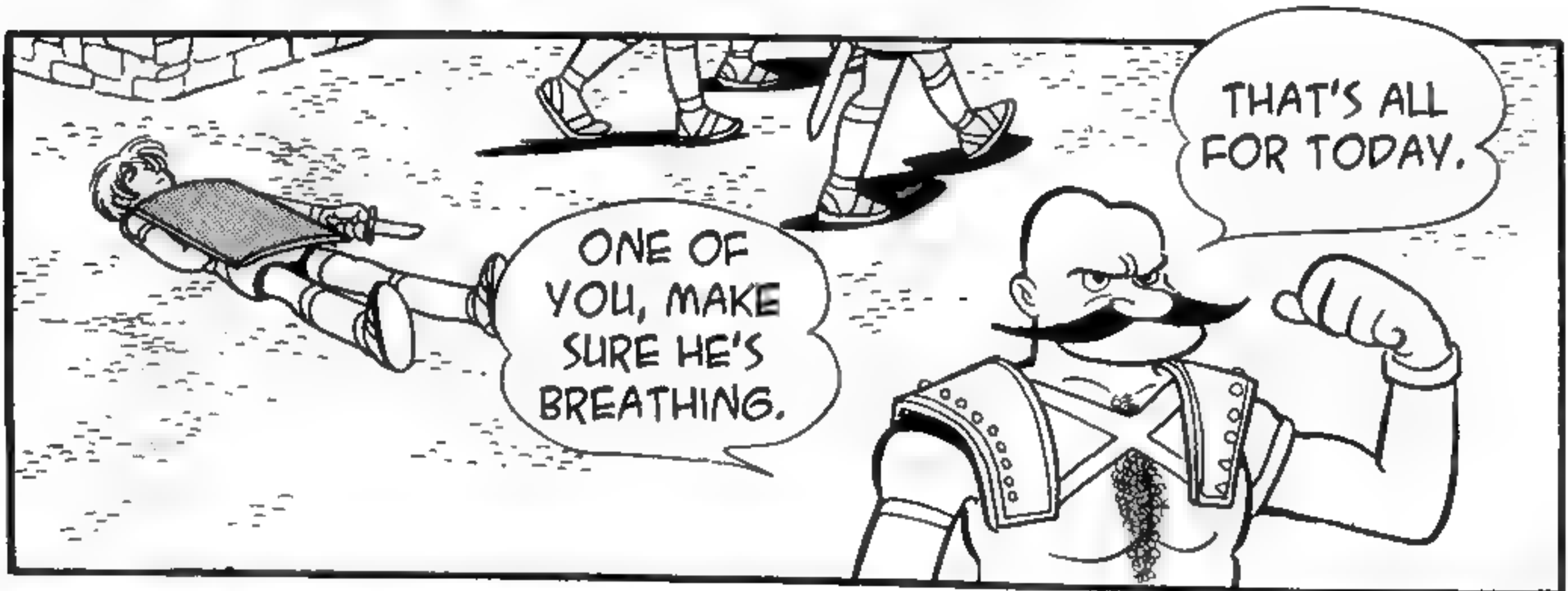
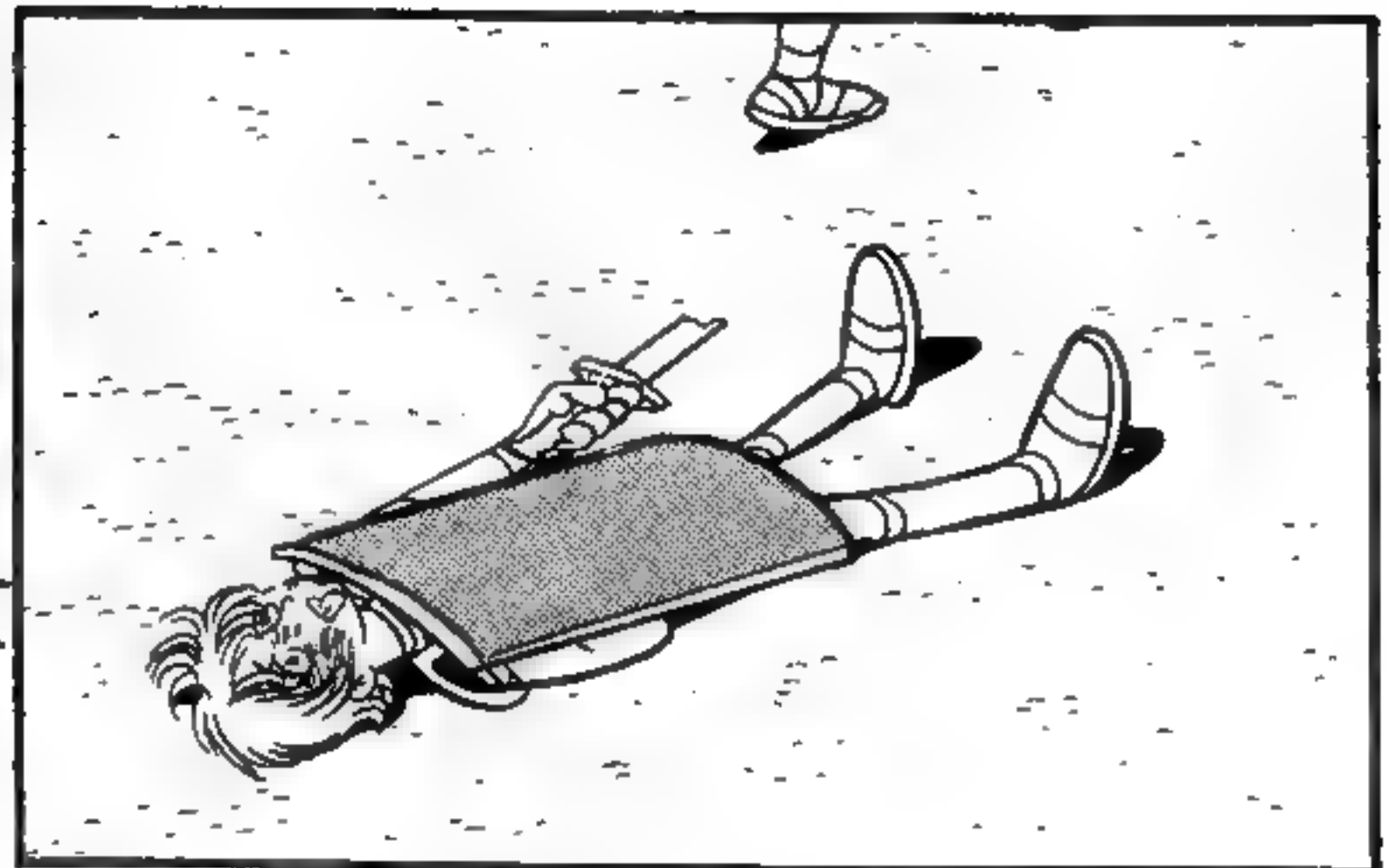
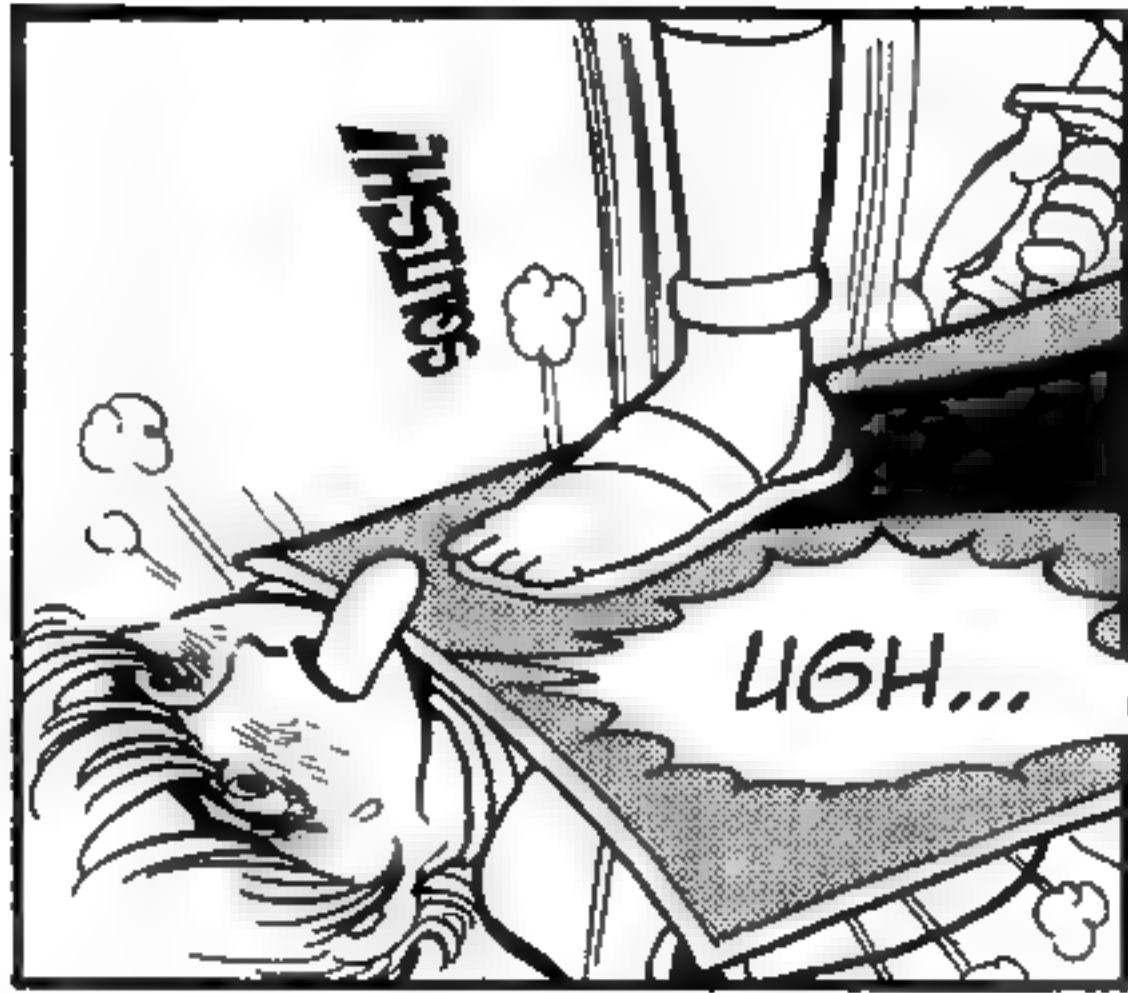


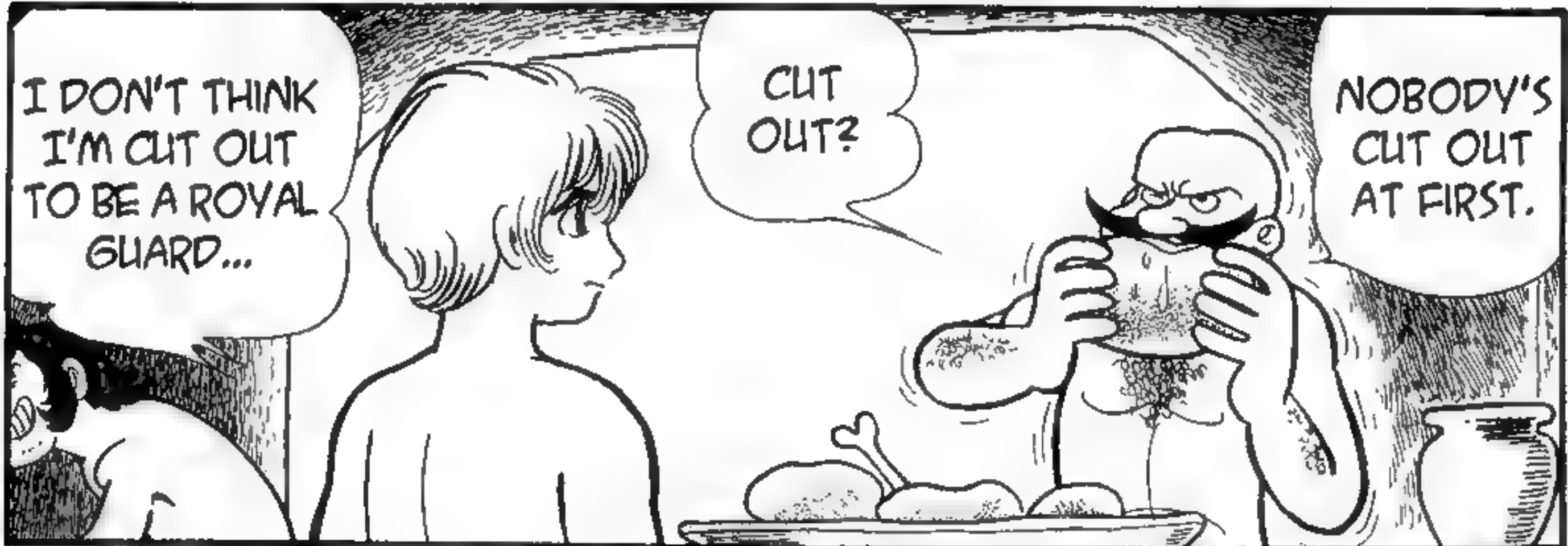
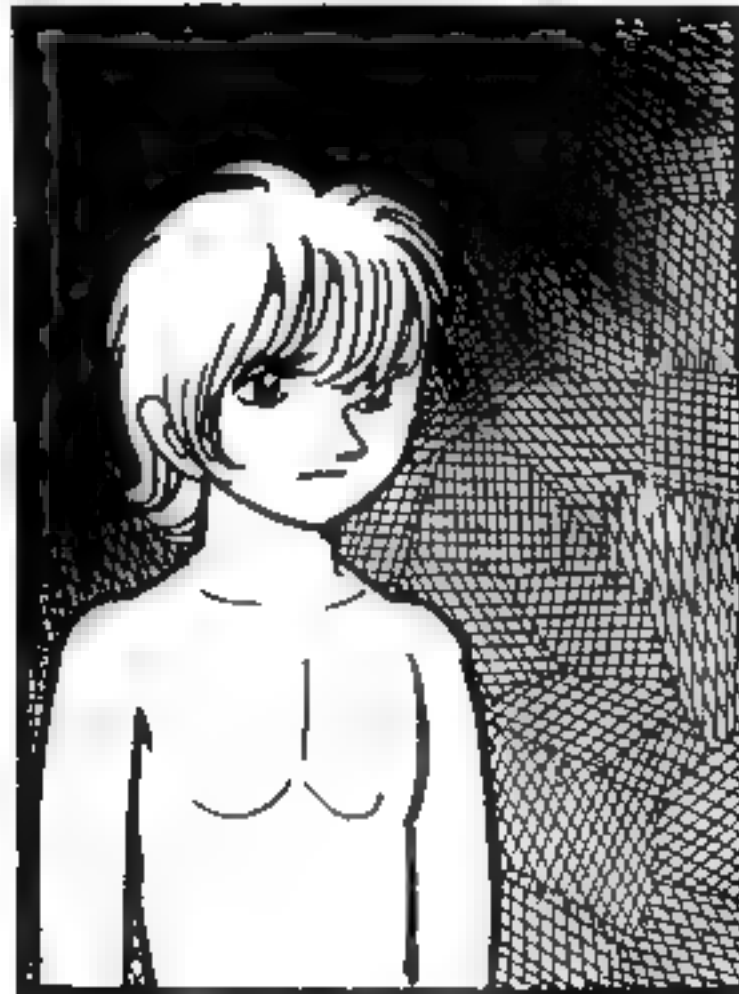
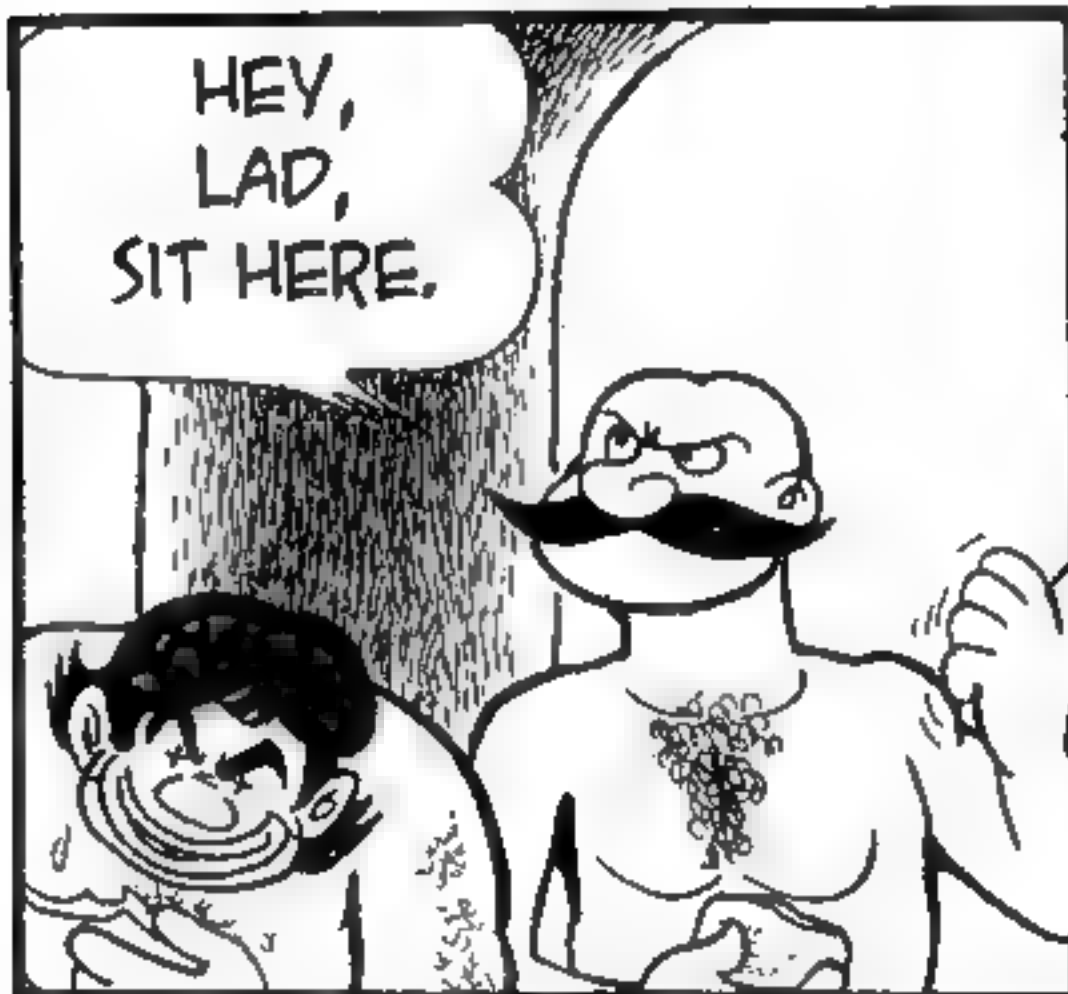


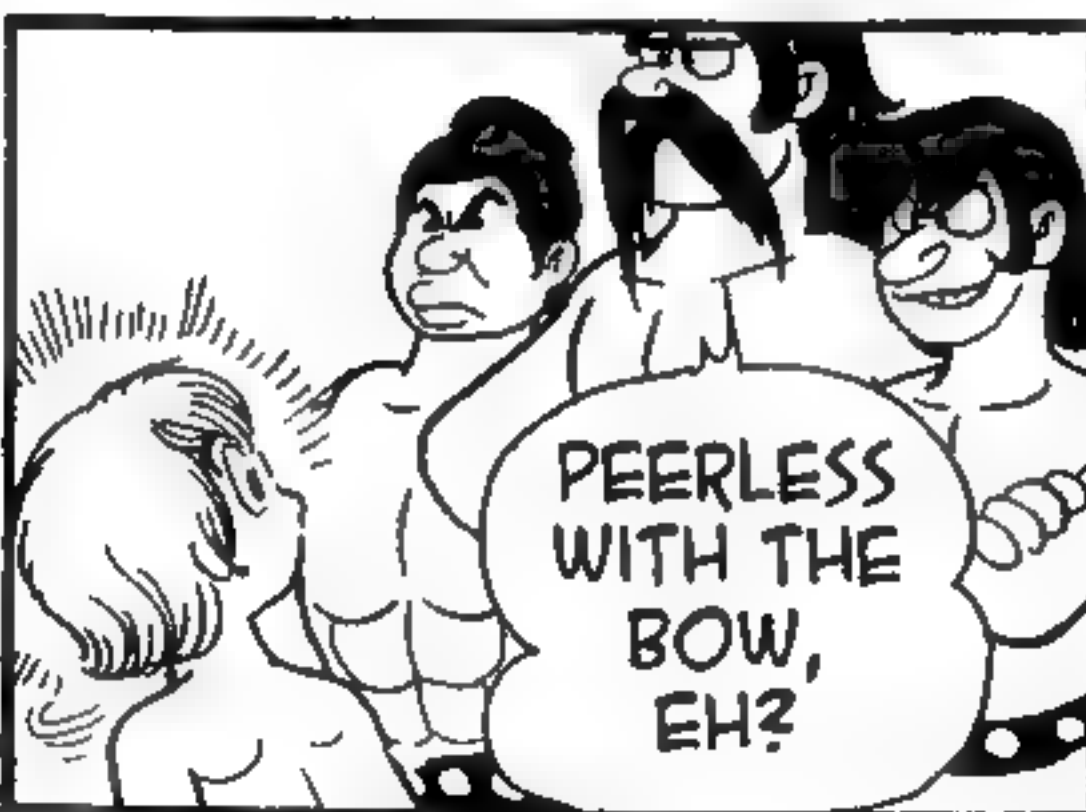
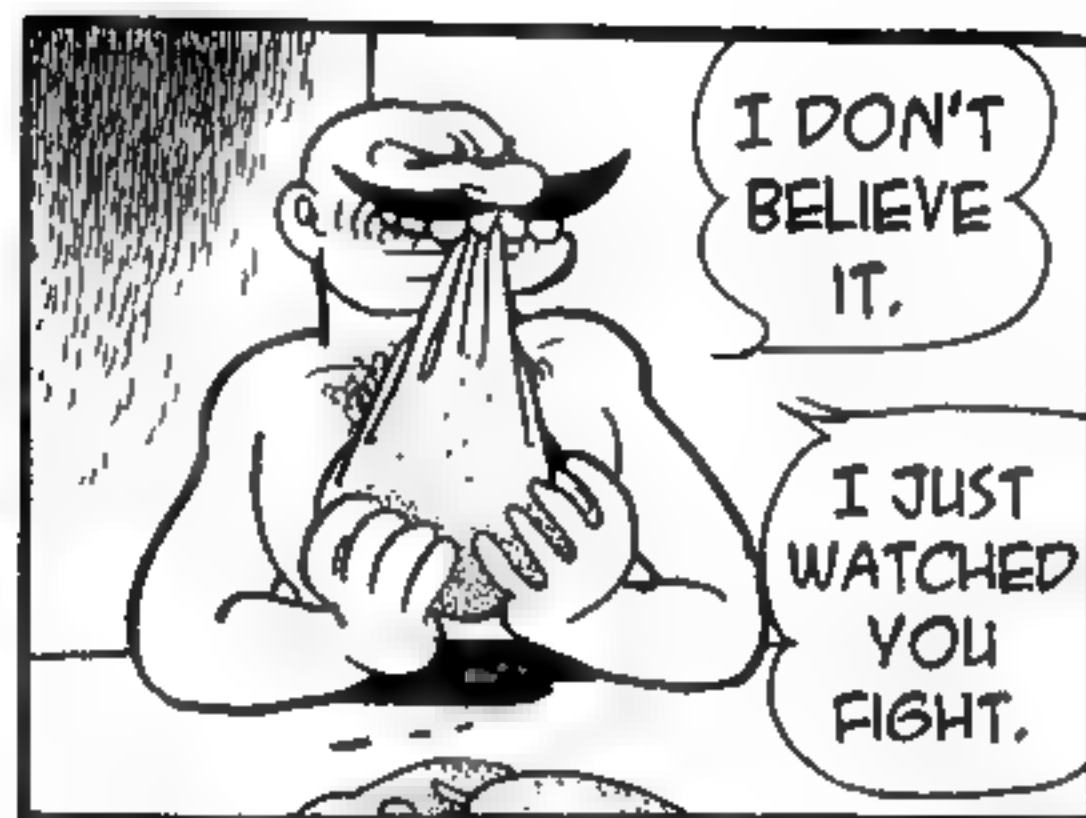
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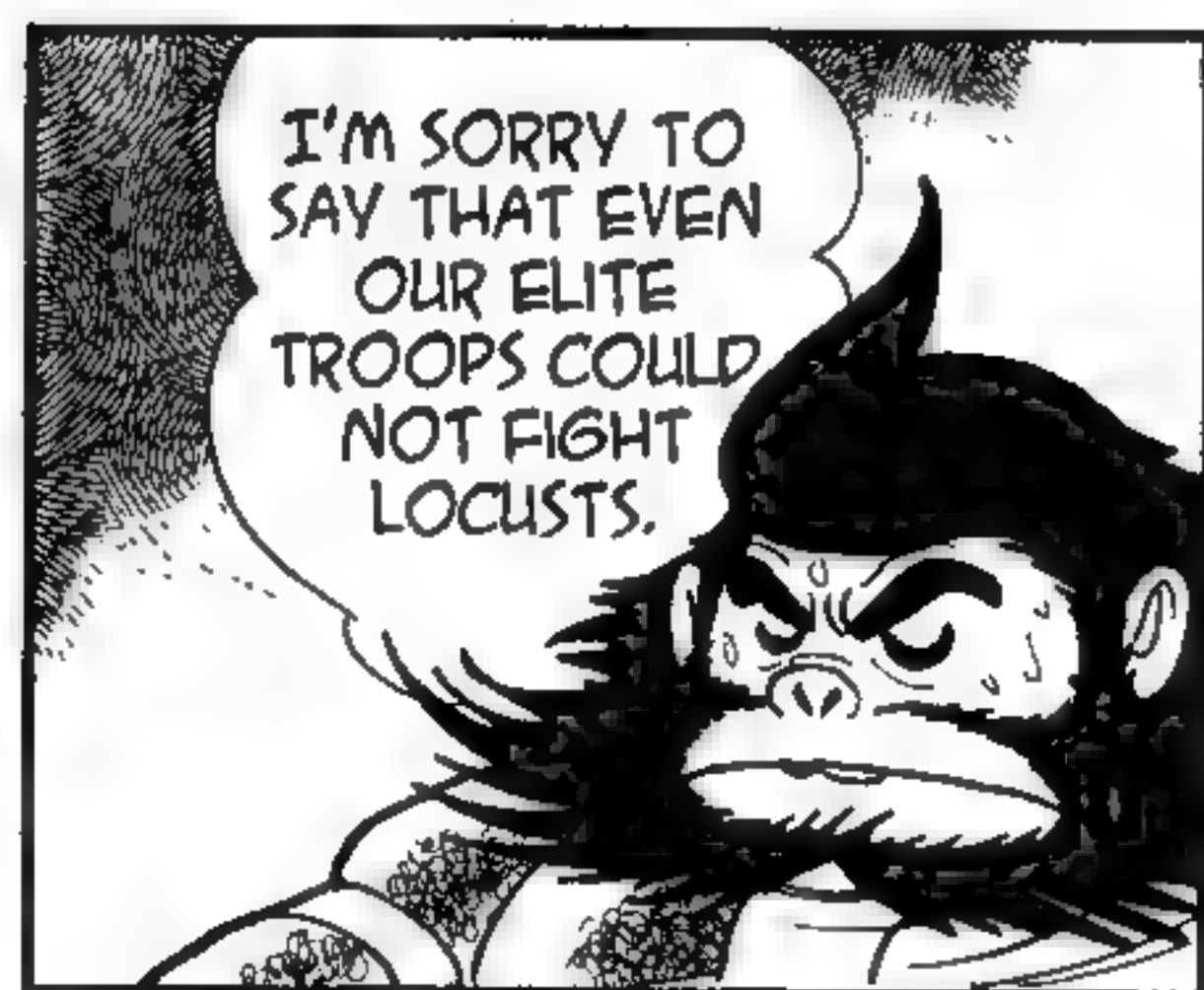
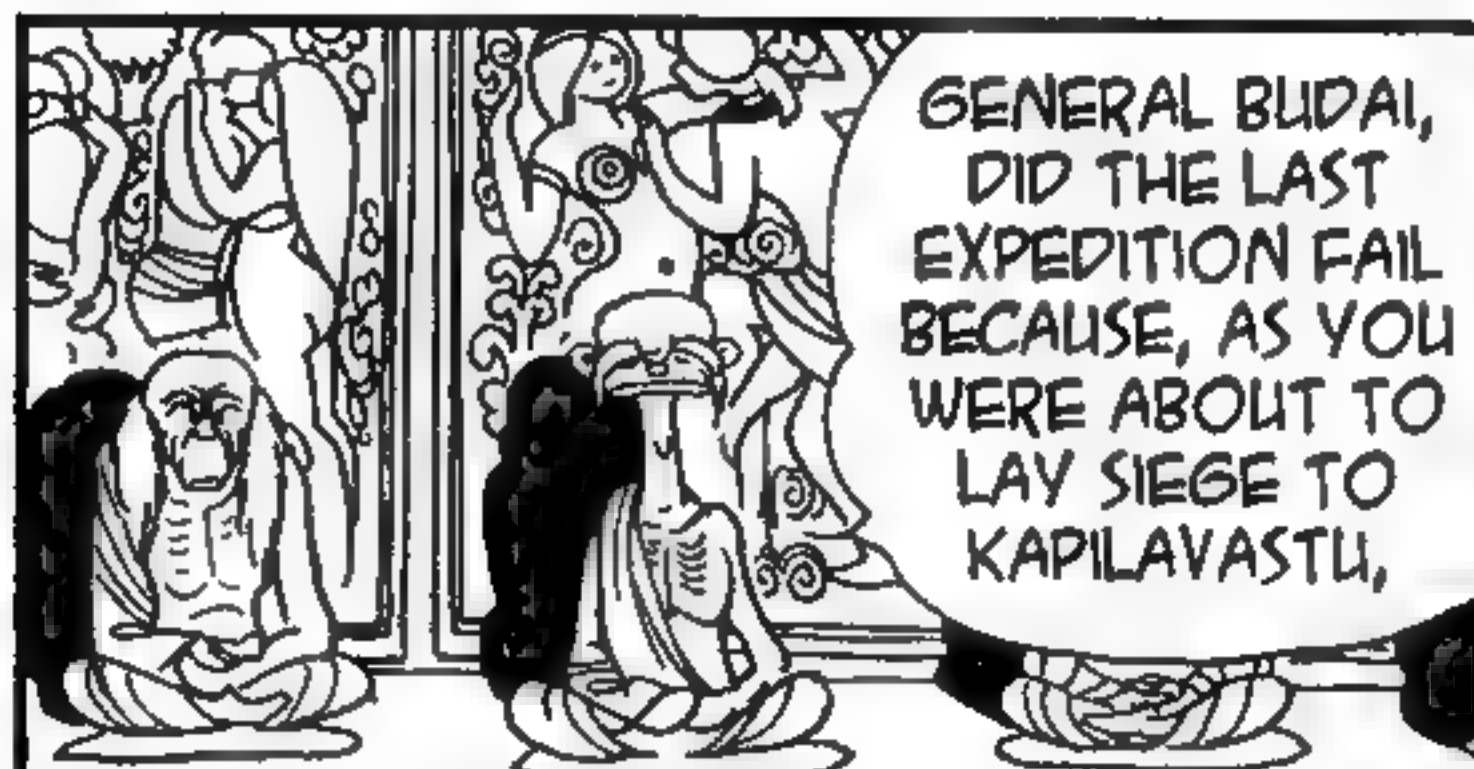
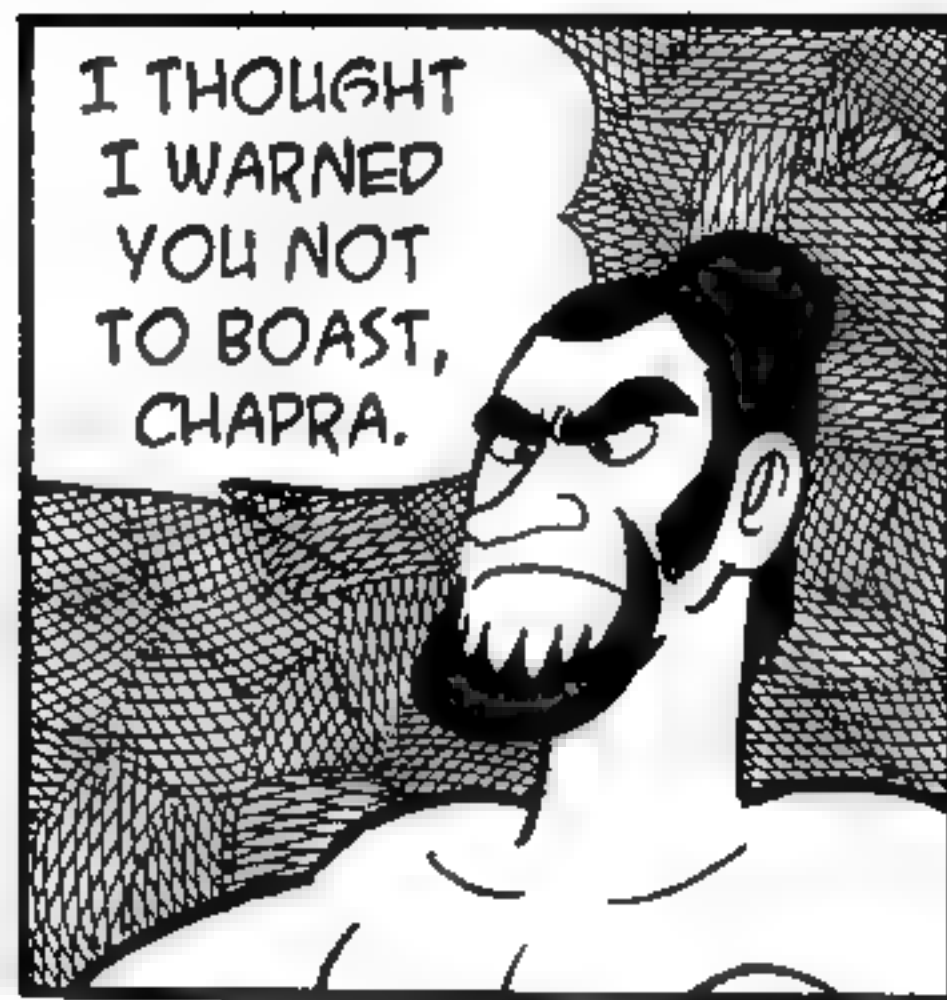


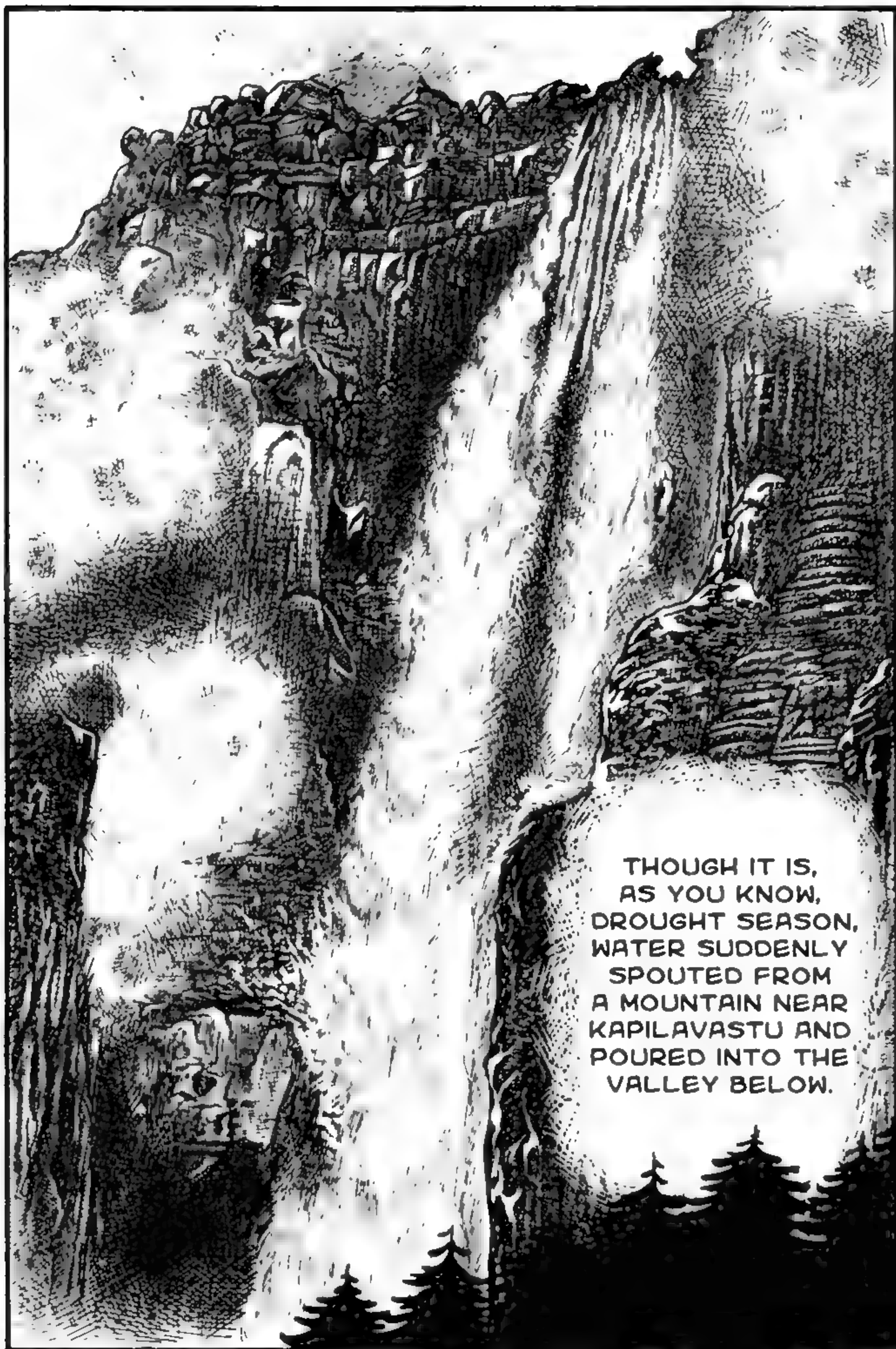
WENT EASY ON
ME, DID YOU,
BRAT? I'LL
TEACH YOU
NOT TO TALK
LIKE THAT!



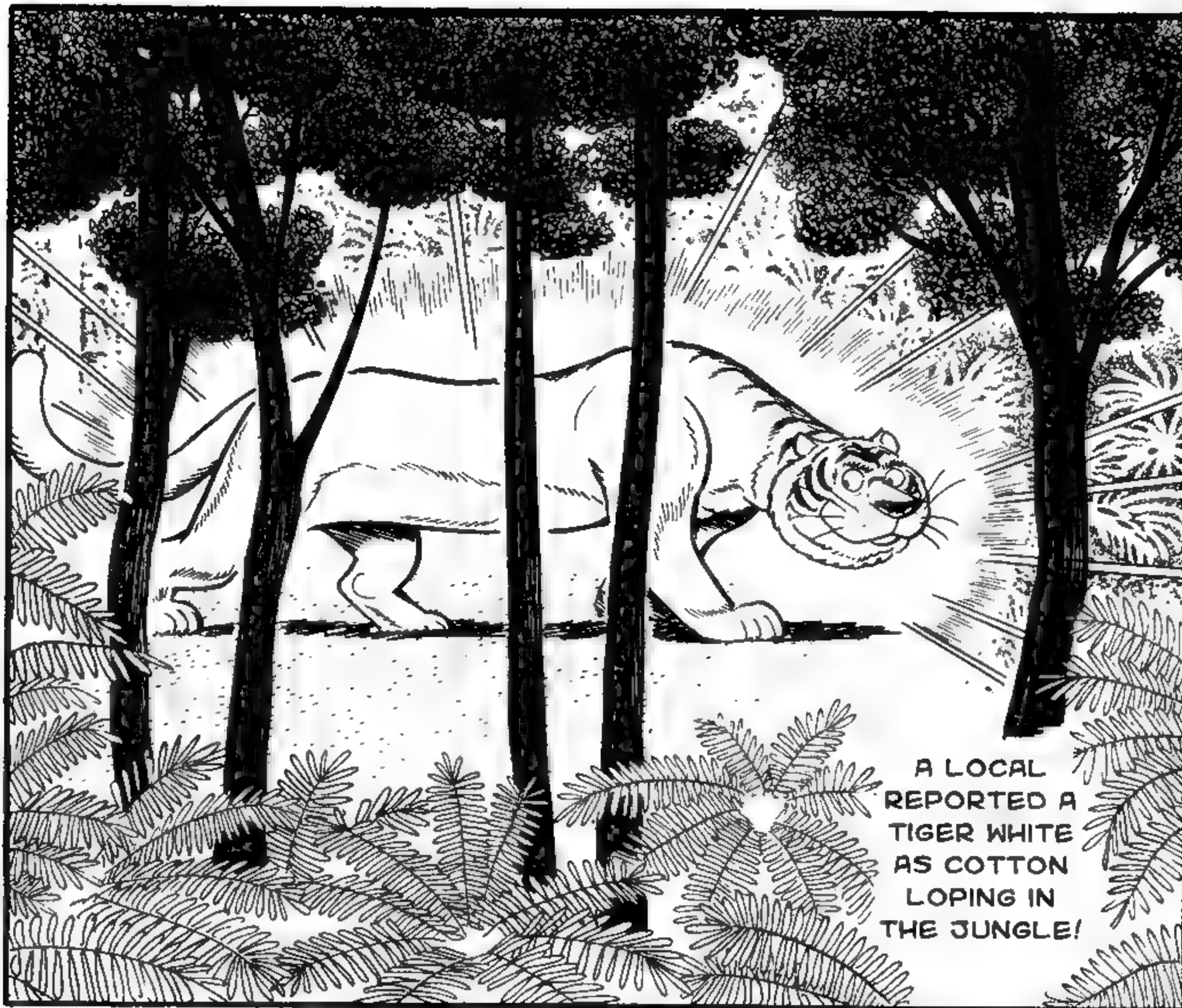




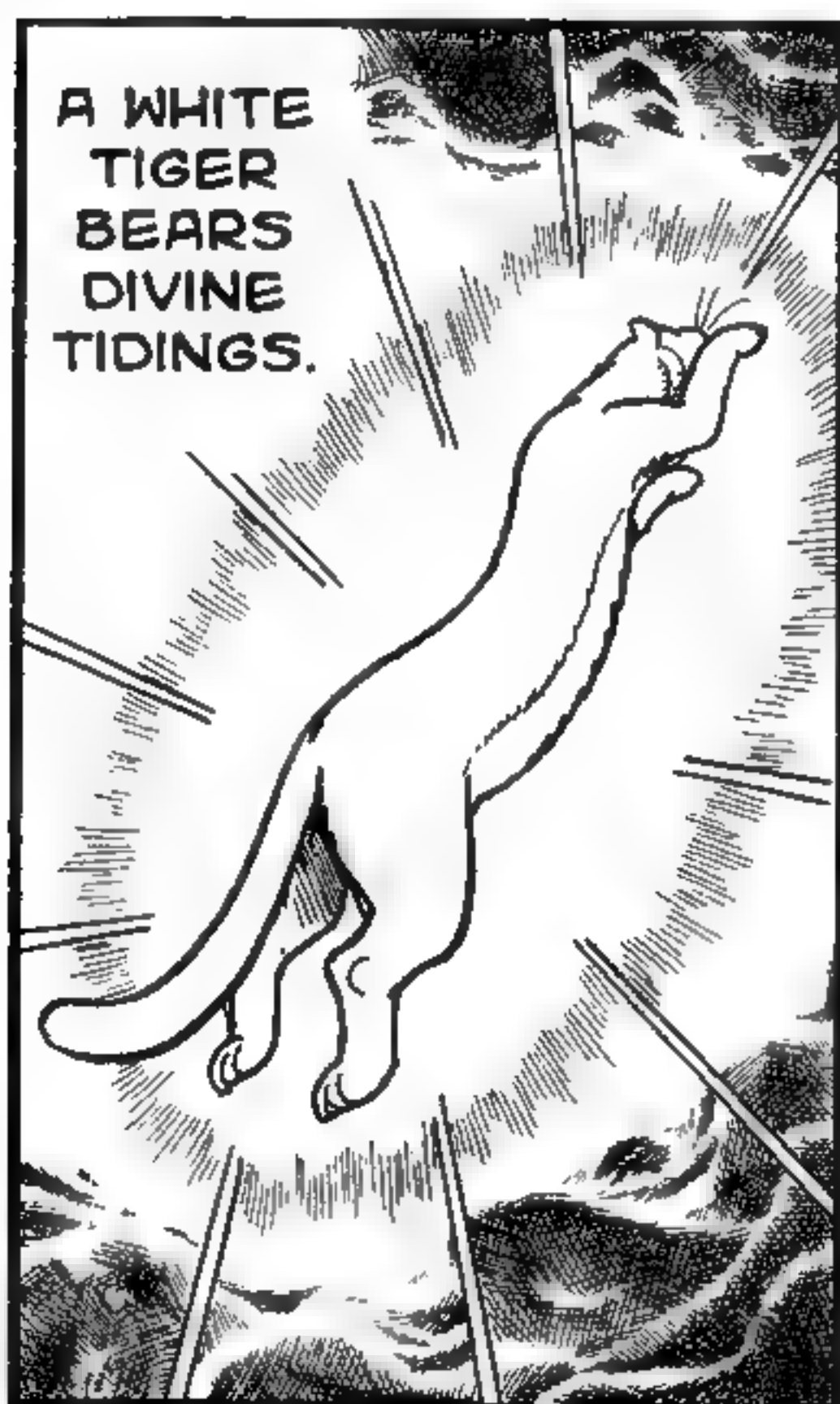




THOUGH IT IS,
AS YOU KNOW,
DROUGHT SEASON,
WATER SUDDENLY
SPOUTED FROM
A MOUNTAIN NEAR
KAPILAVASTU AND
POURED INTO THE
VALLEY BELOW.



A LOCAL
REPORTED A
TIGER WHITE
AS COTTON
LOPING IN
THE JUNGLE!

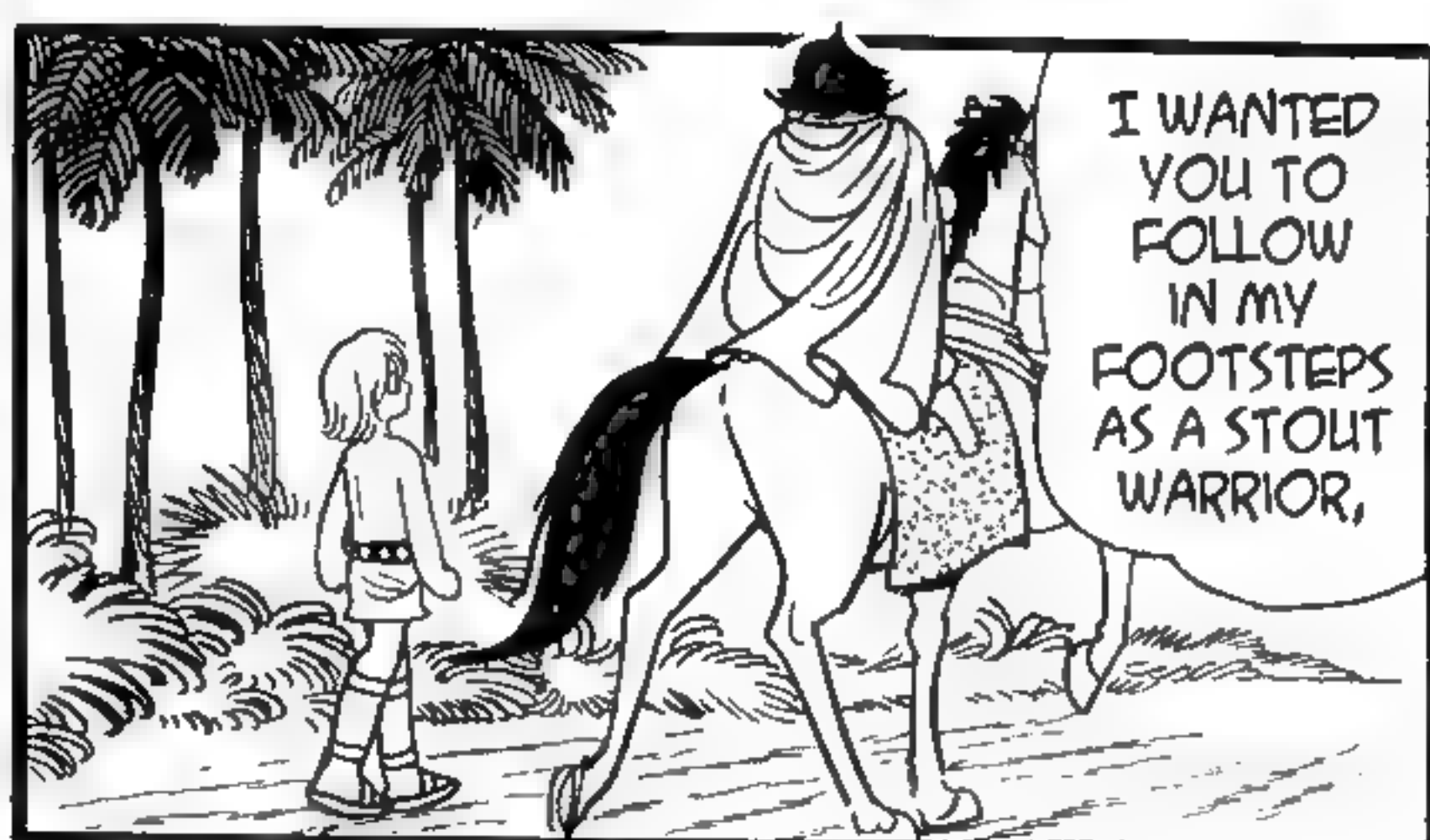
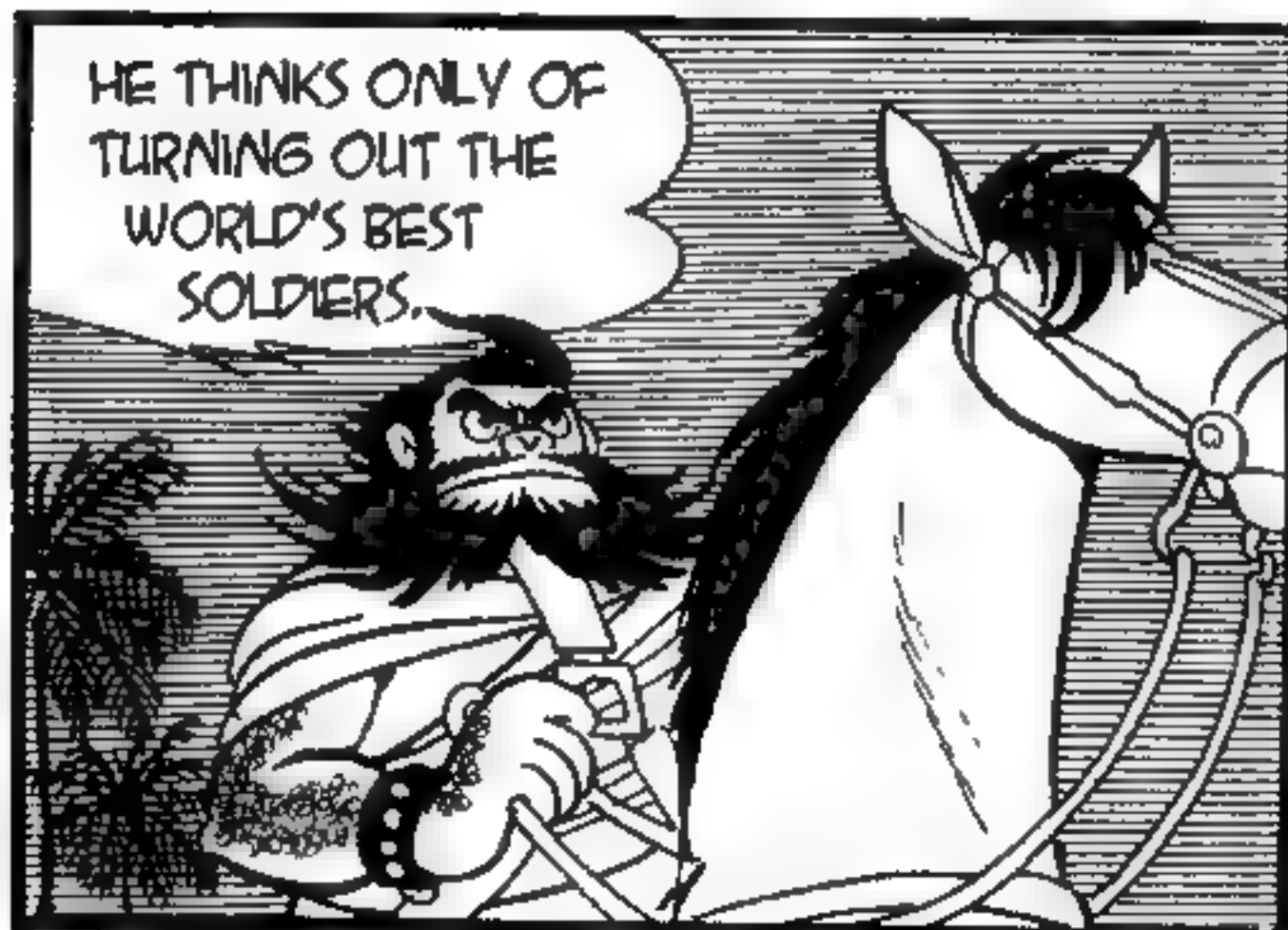
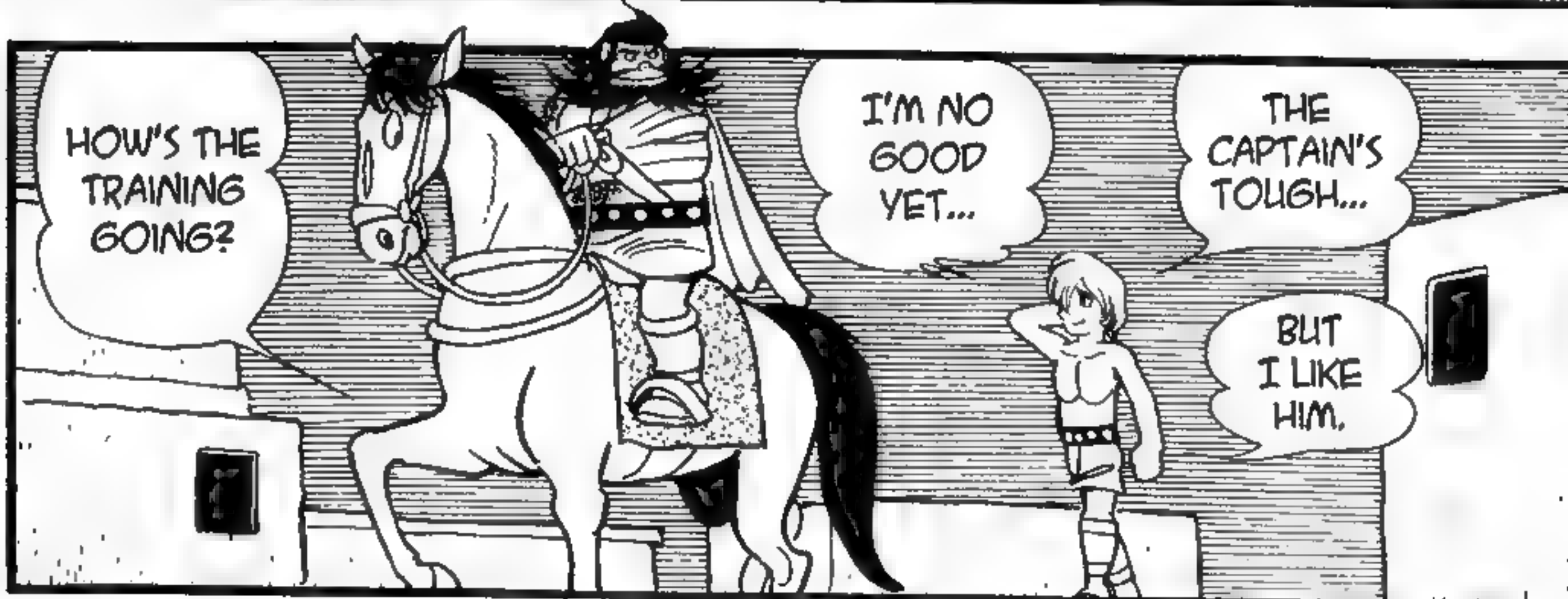
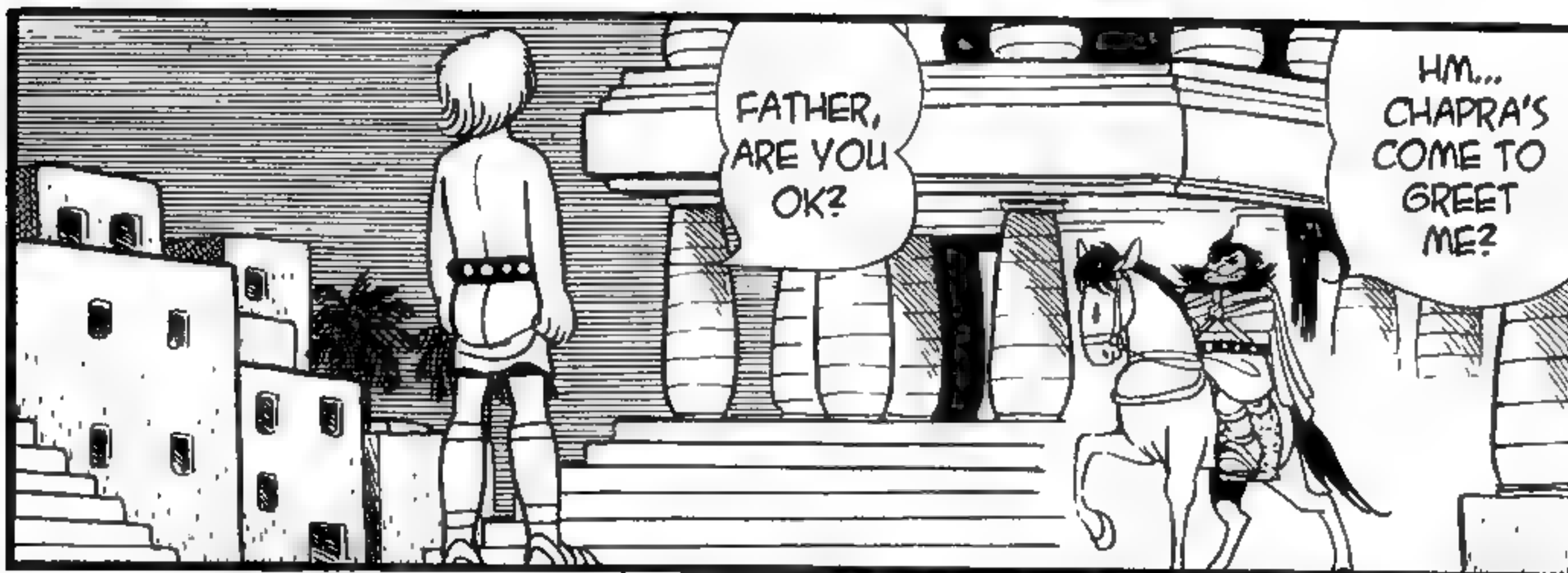


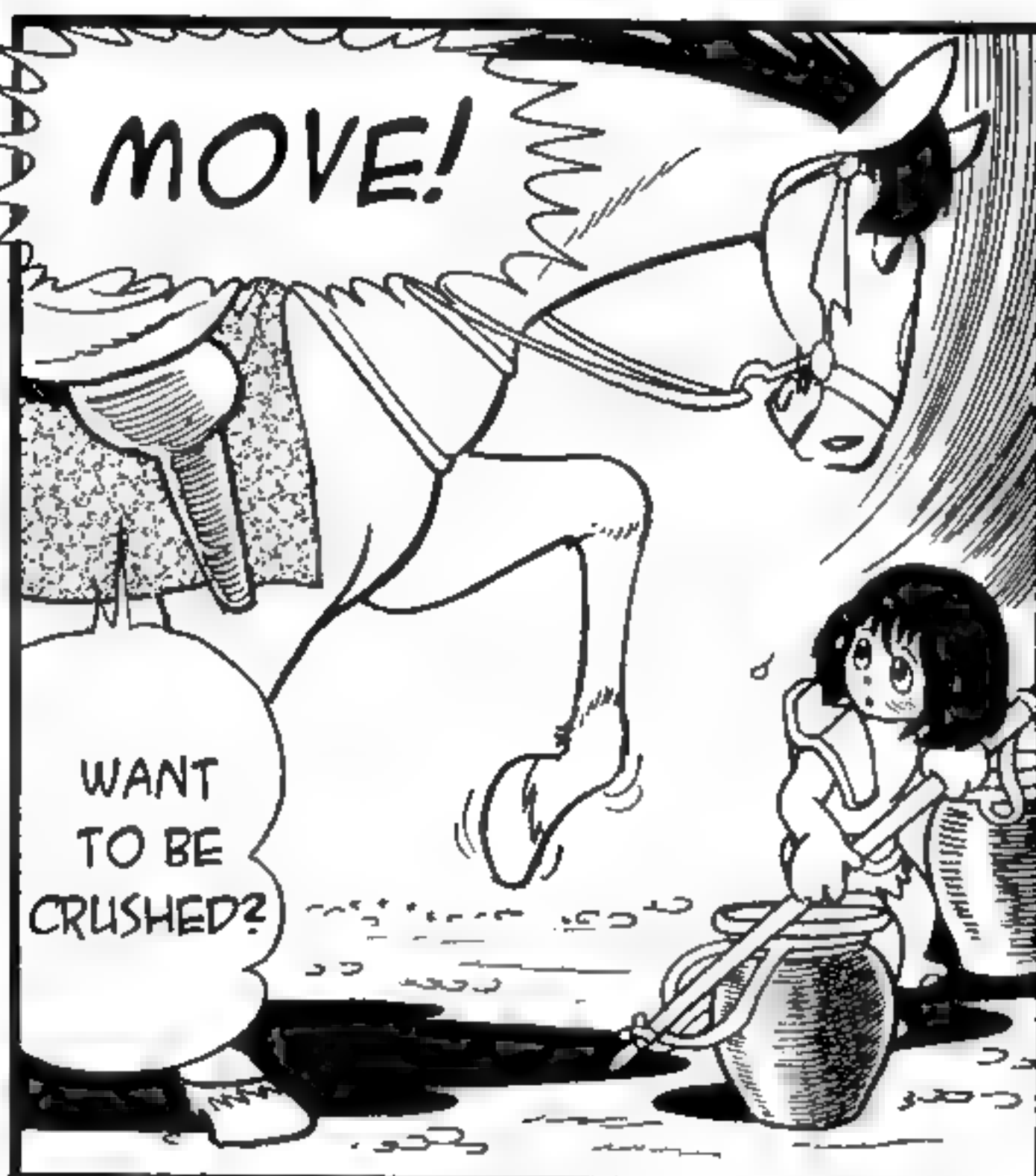
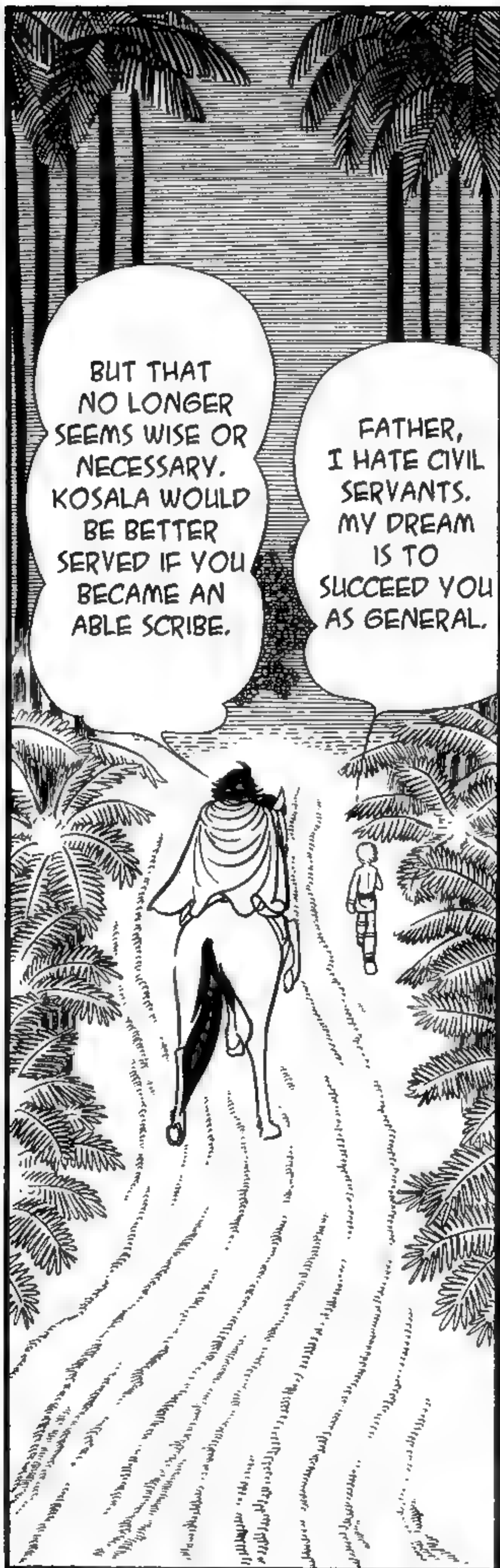
A WHITE
TIGER
BEARS
DIVINE
TIDINGS.

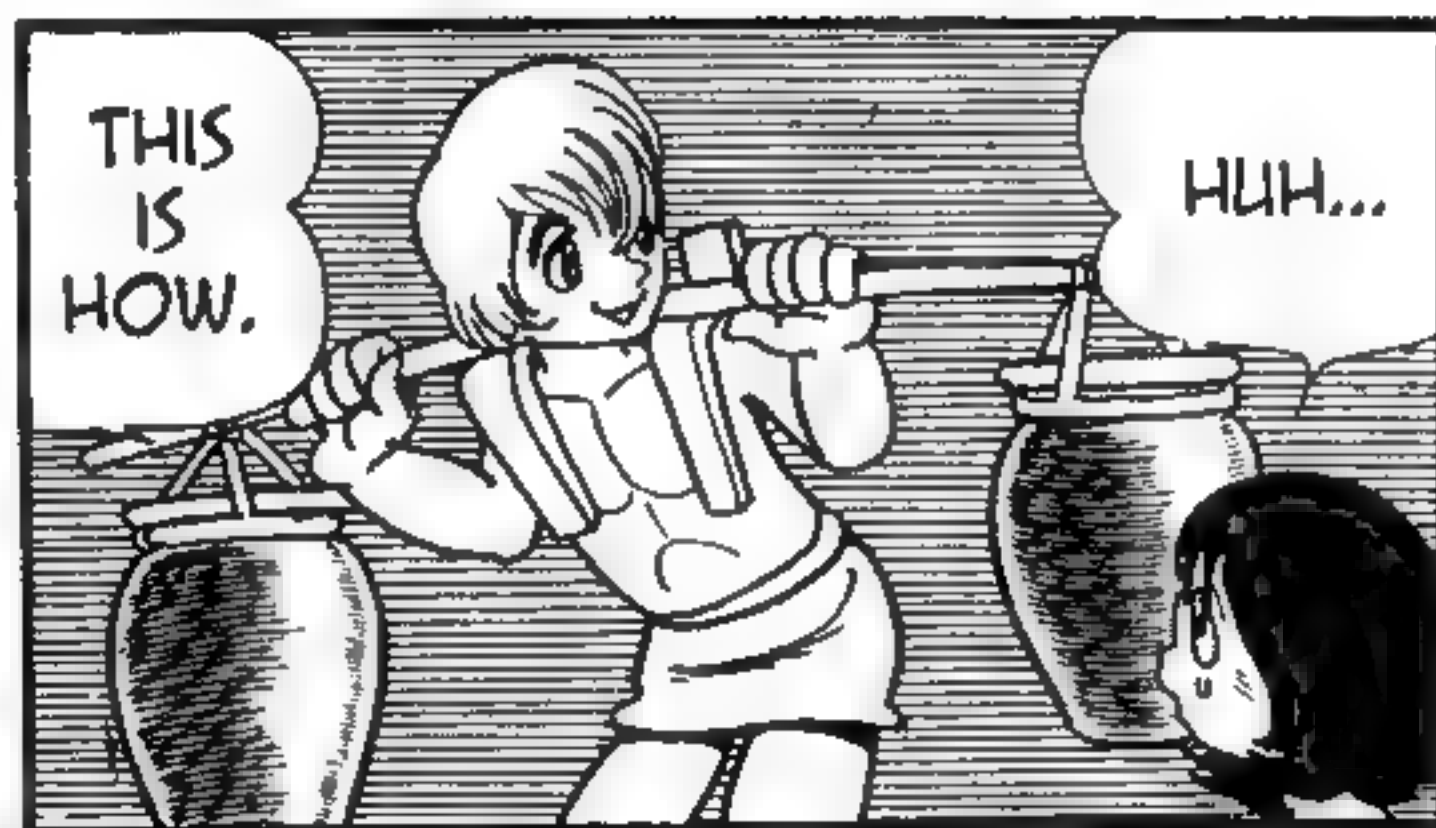
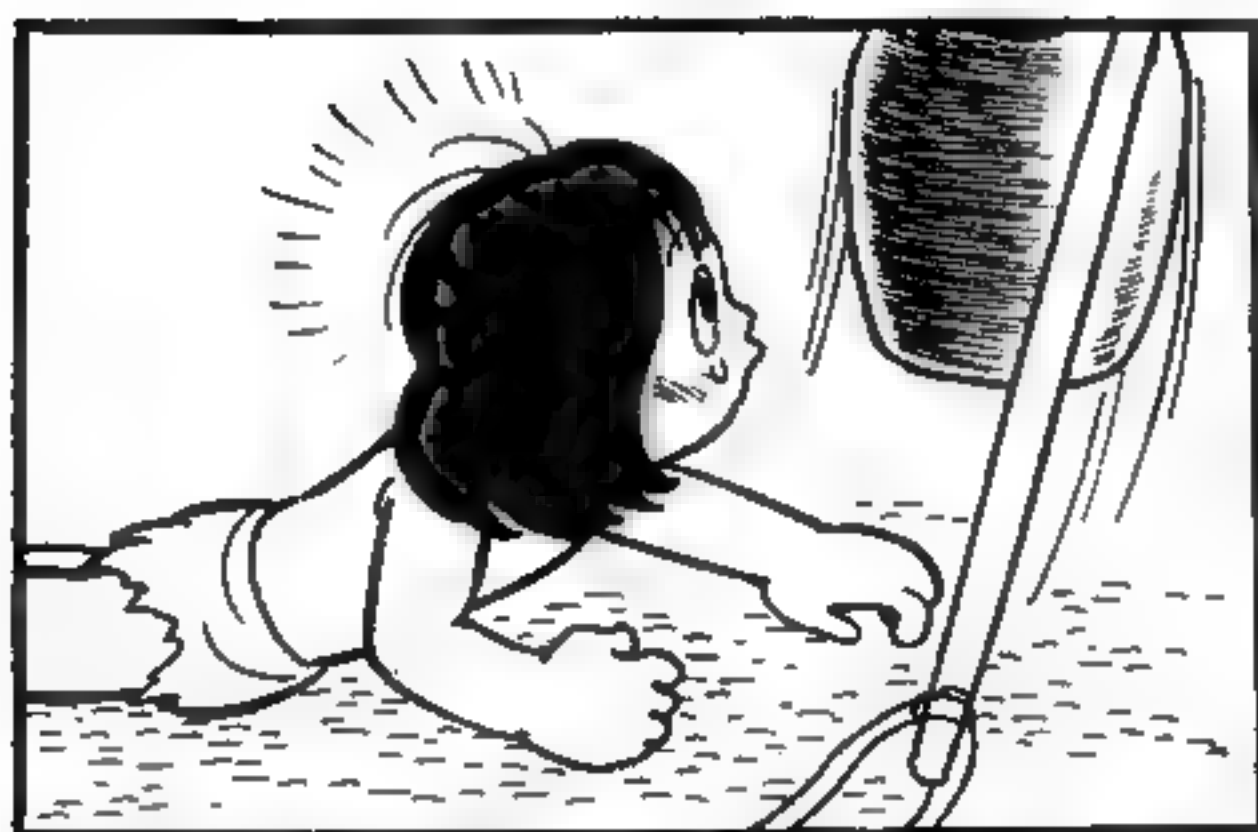


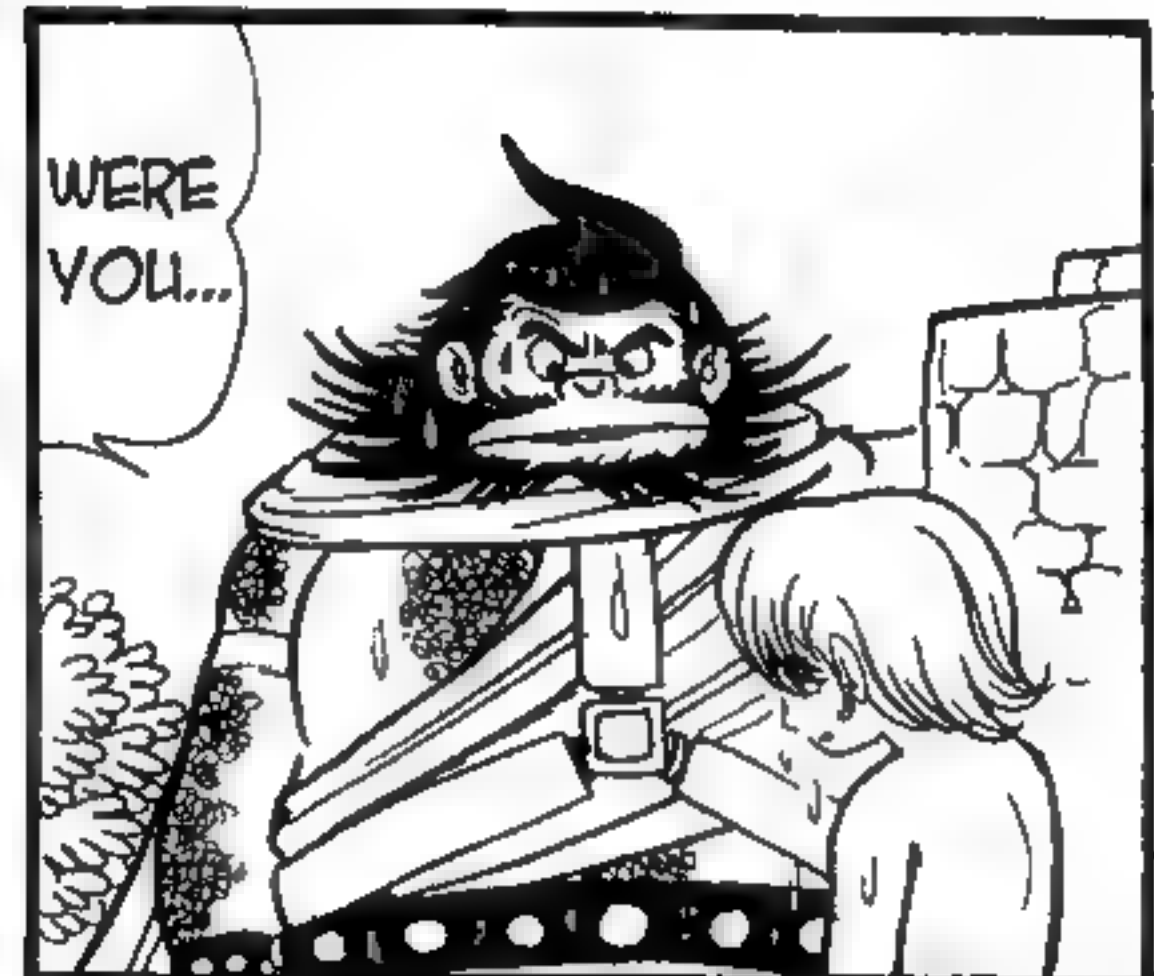
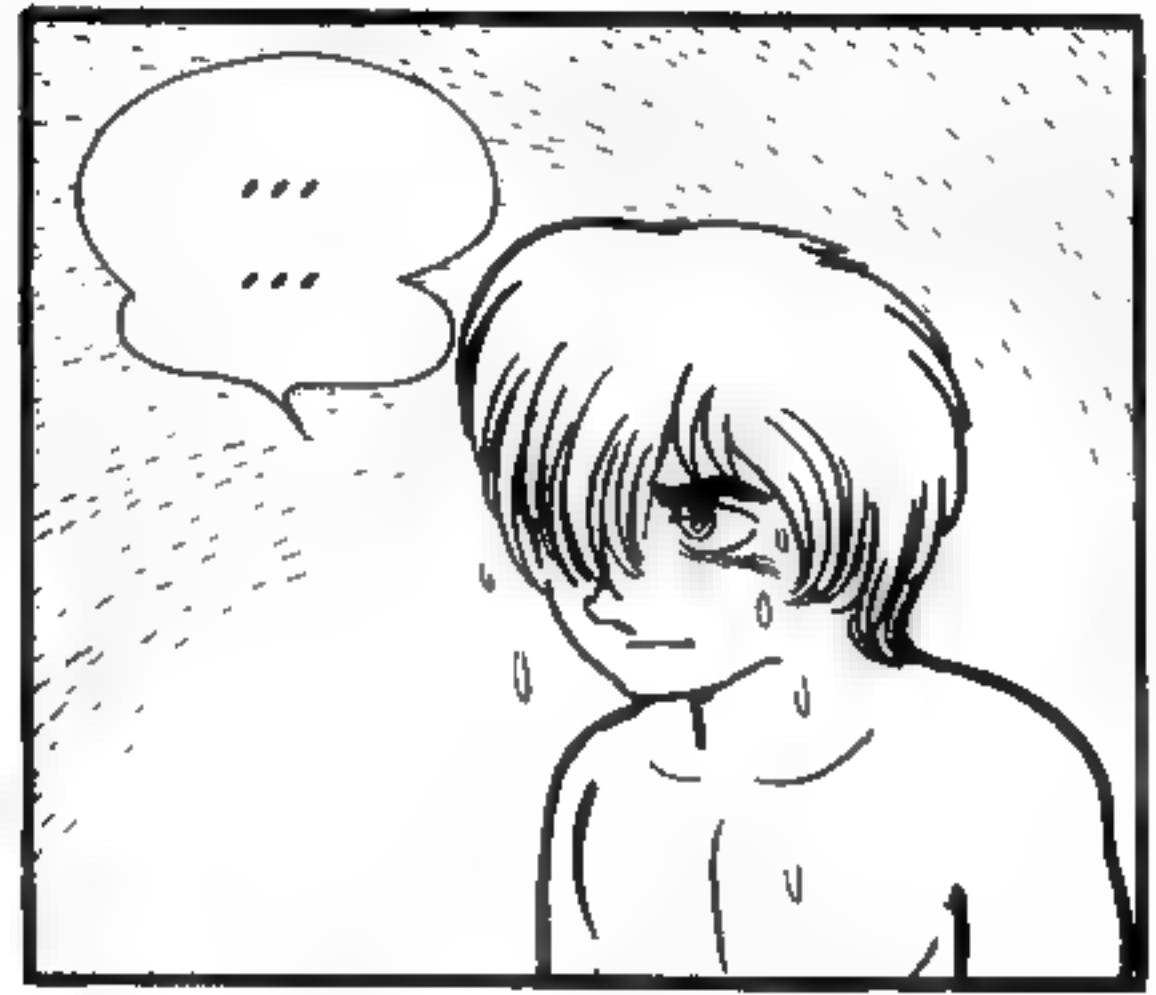
SOMETHING
MOMENTOUS IS
ABOUT TO HAPPEN AT
KAPILAVASTU - PERHAPS
AN AUSPICIOUS EVENT
FOR WHICH THE GODS
ARE PROTECTING
THE CASTLE.





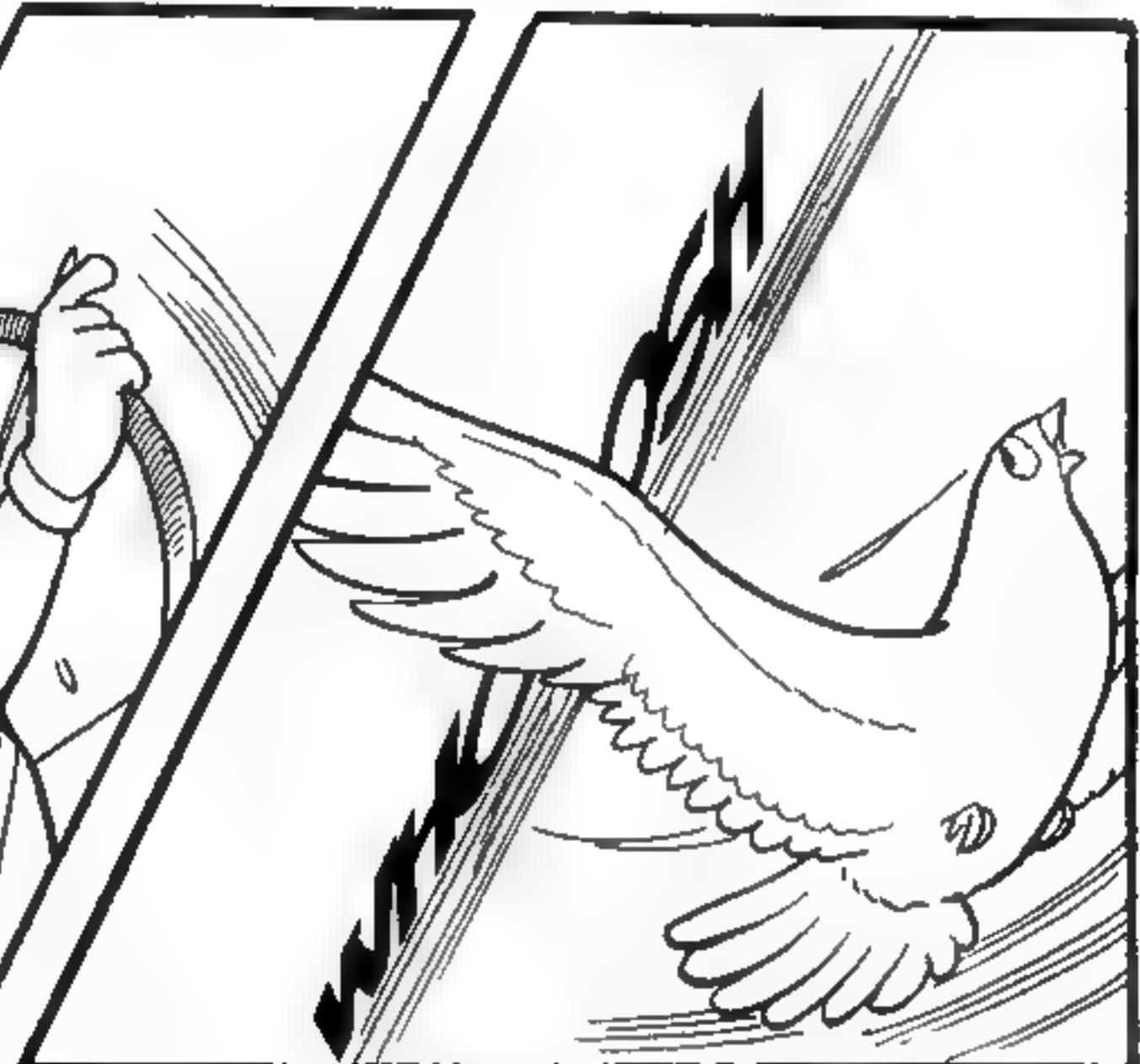
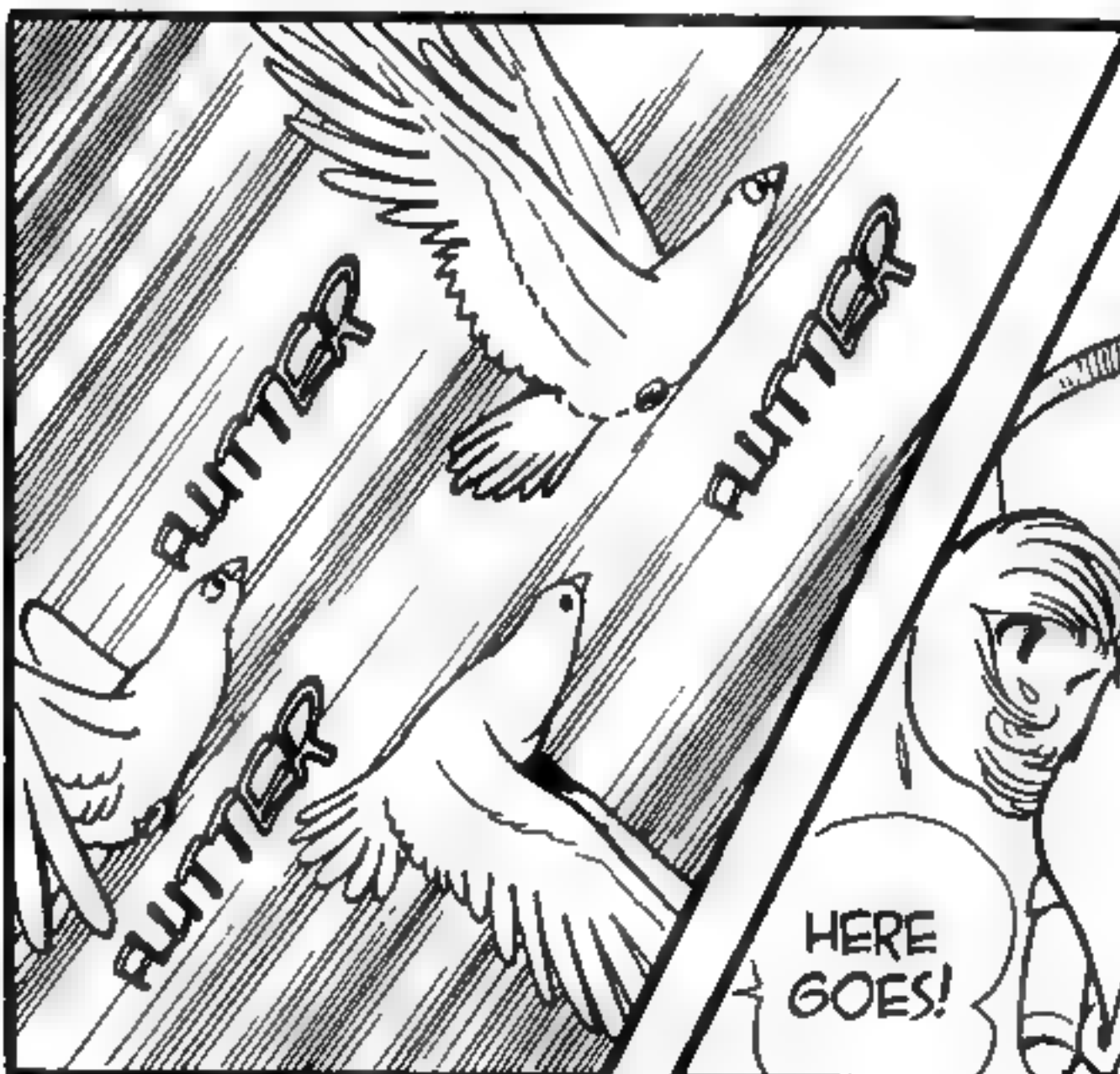
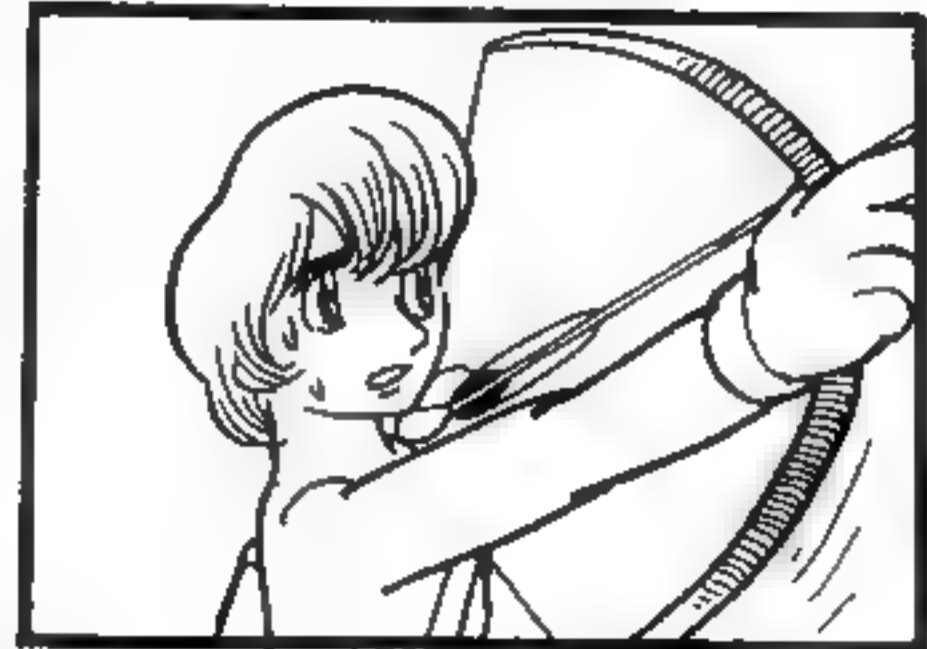
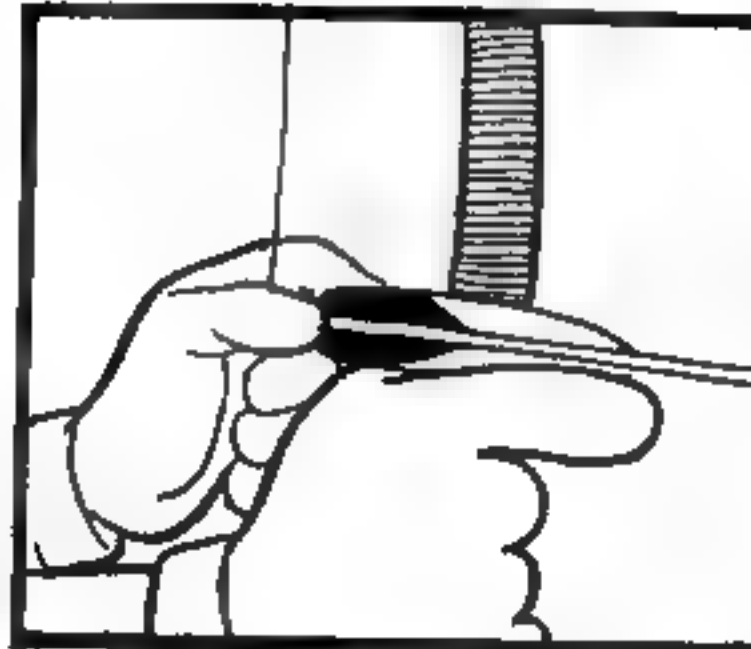
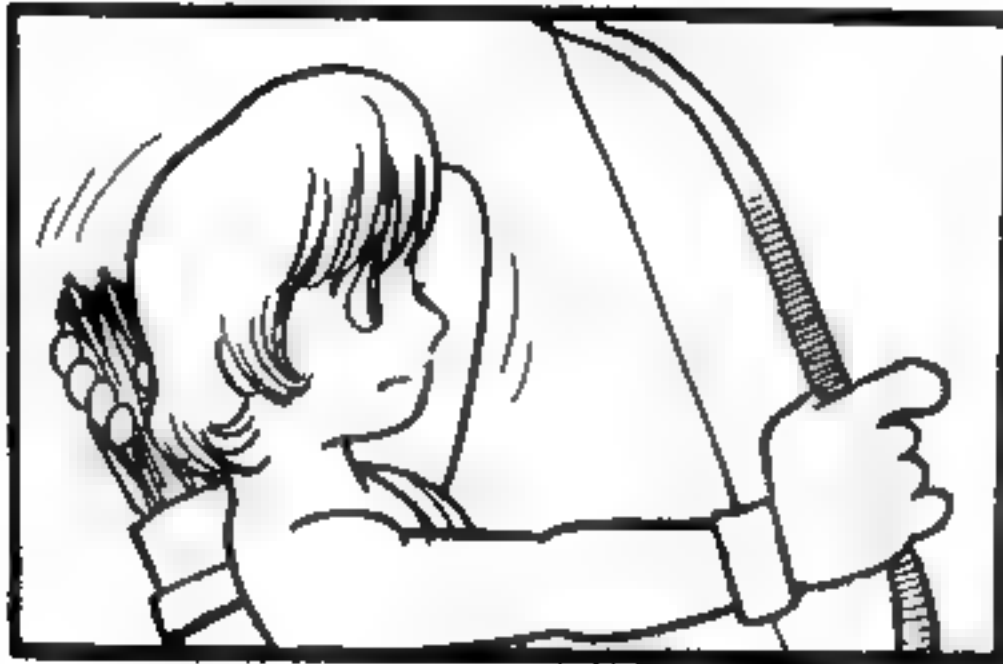




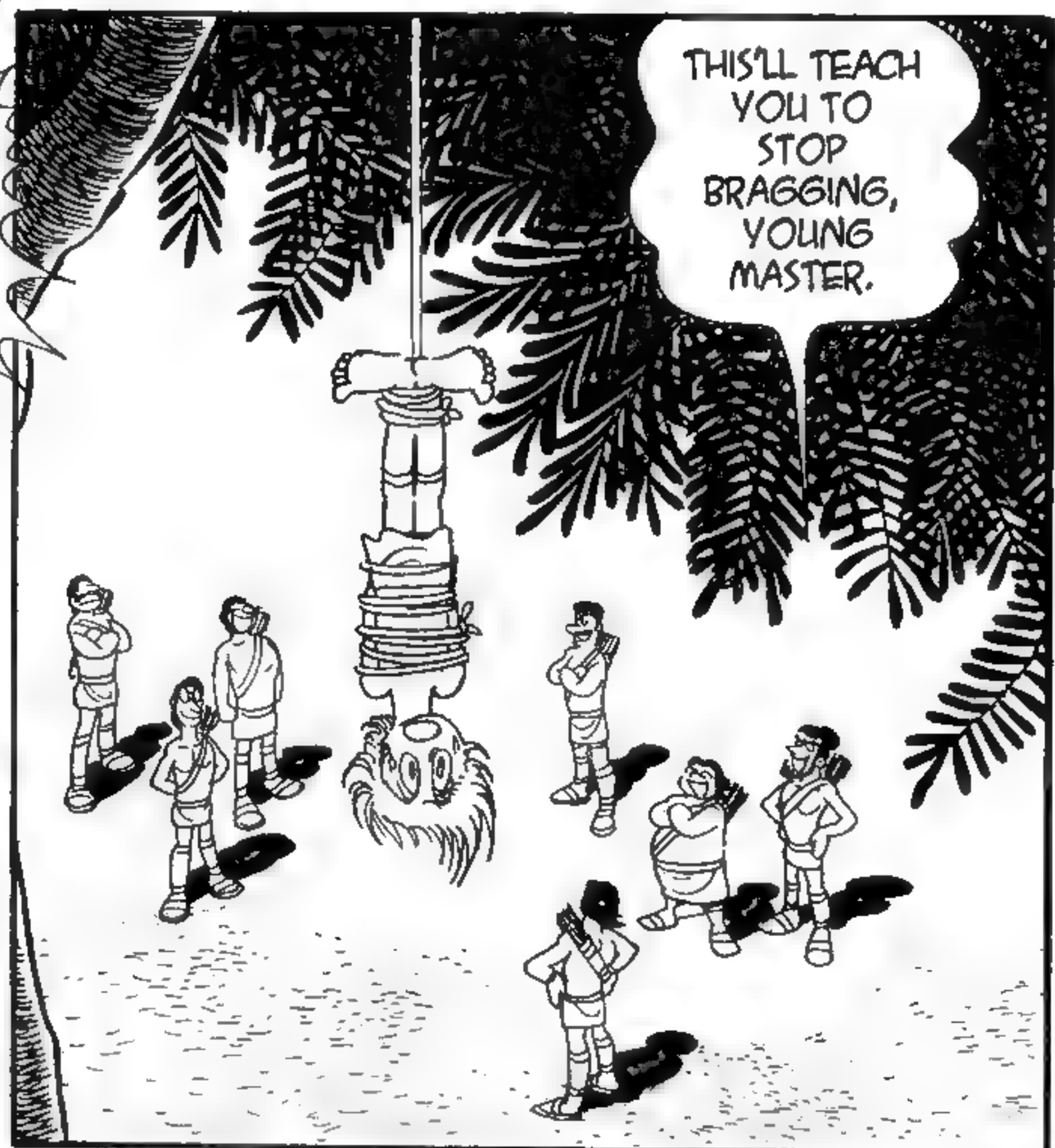
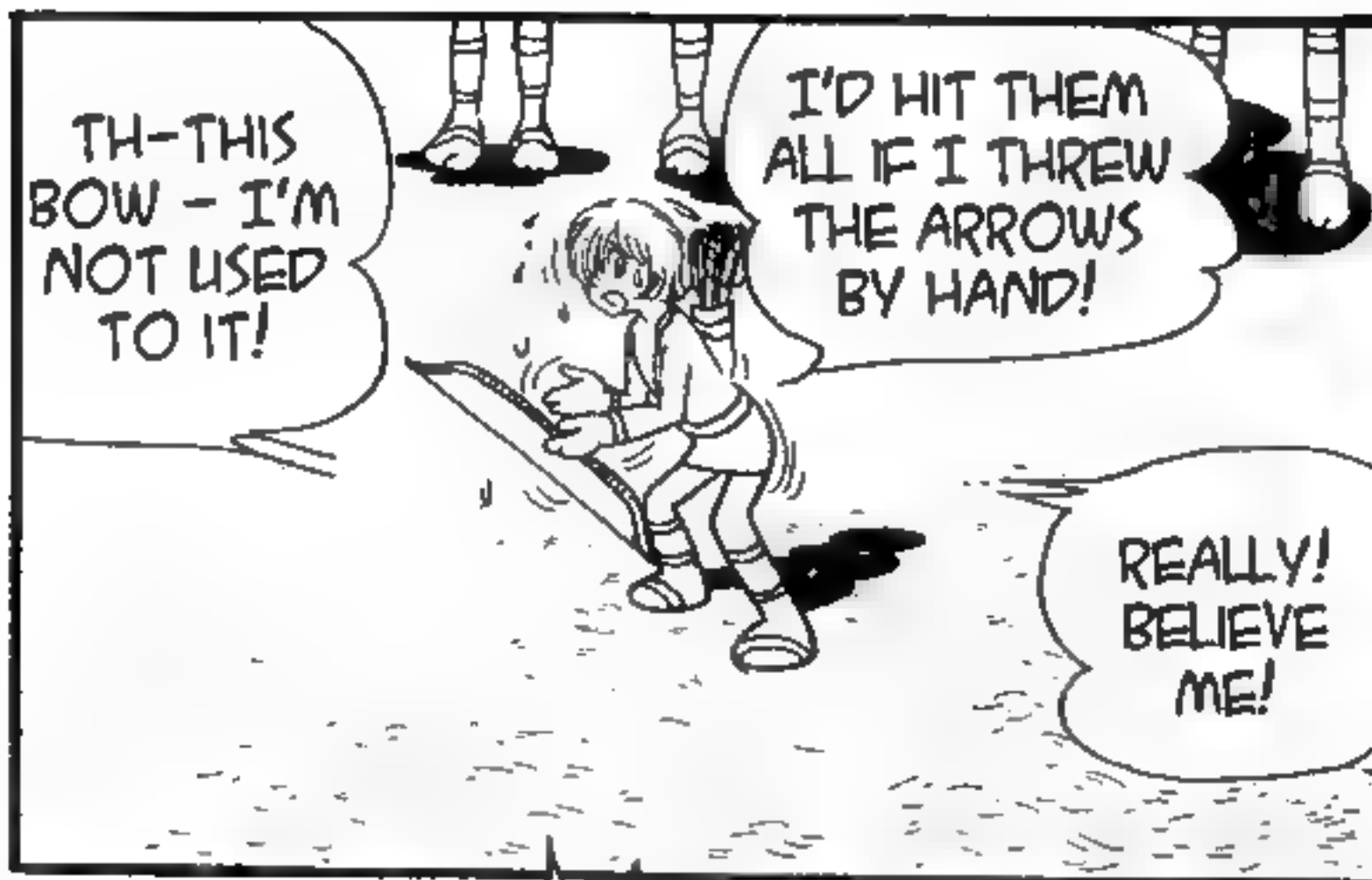


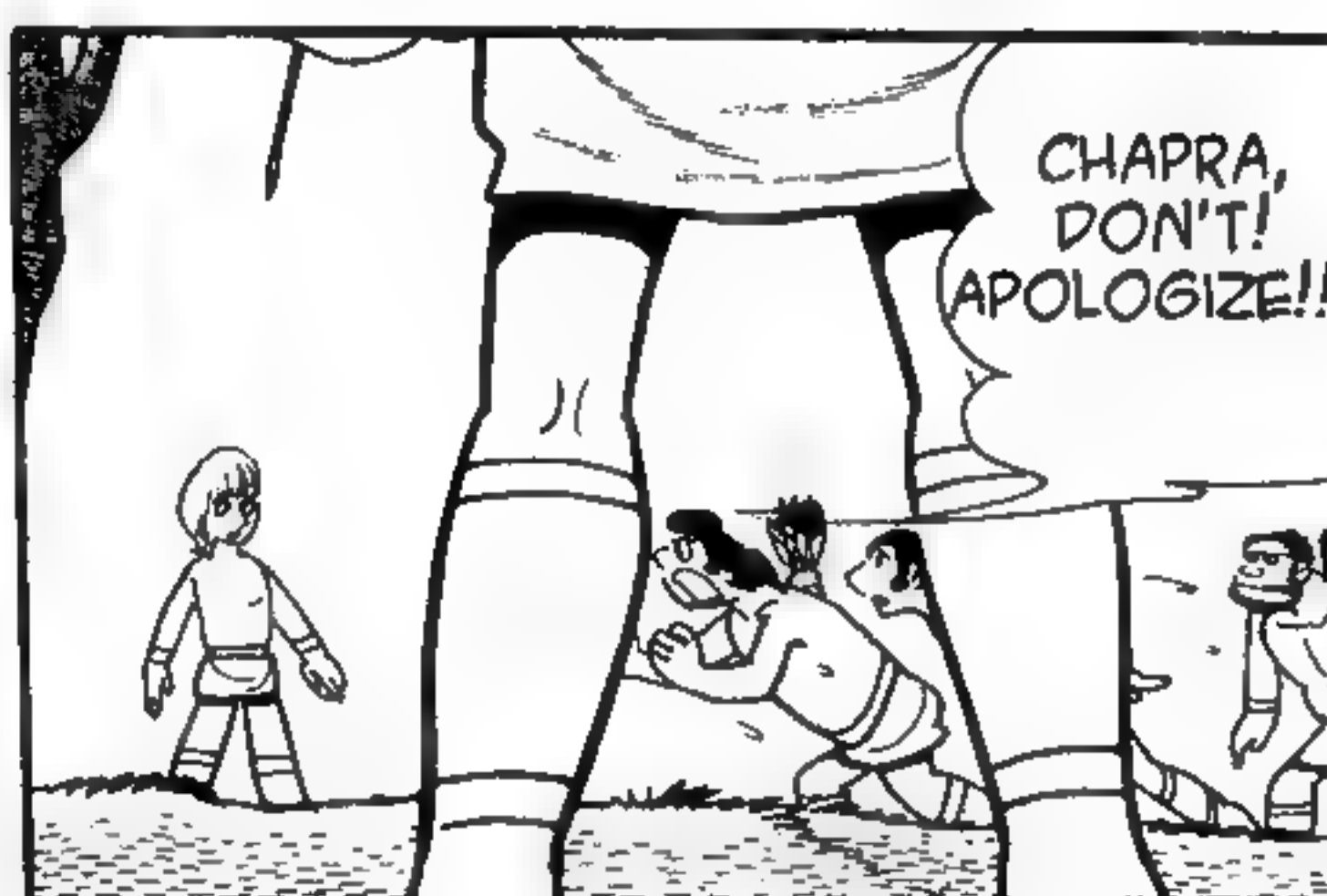
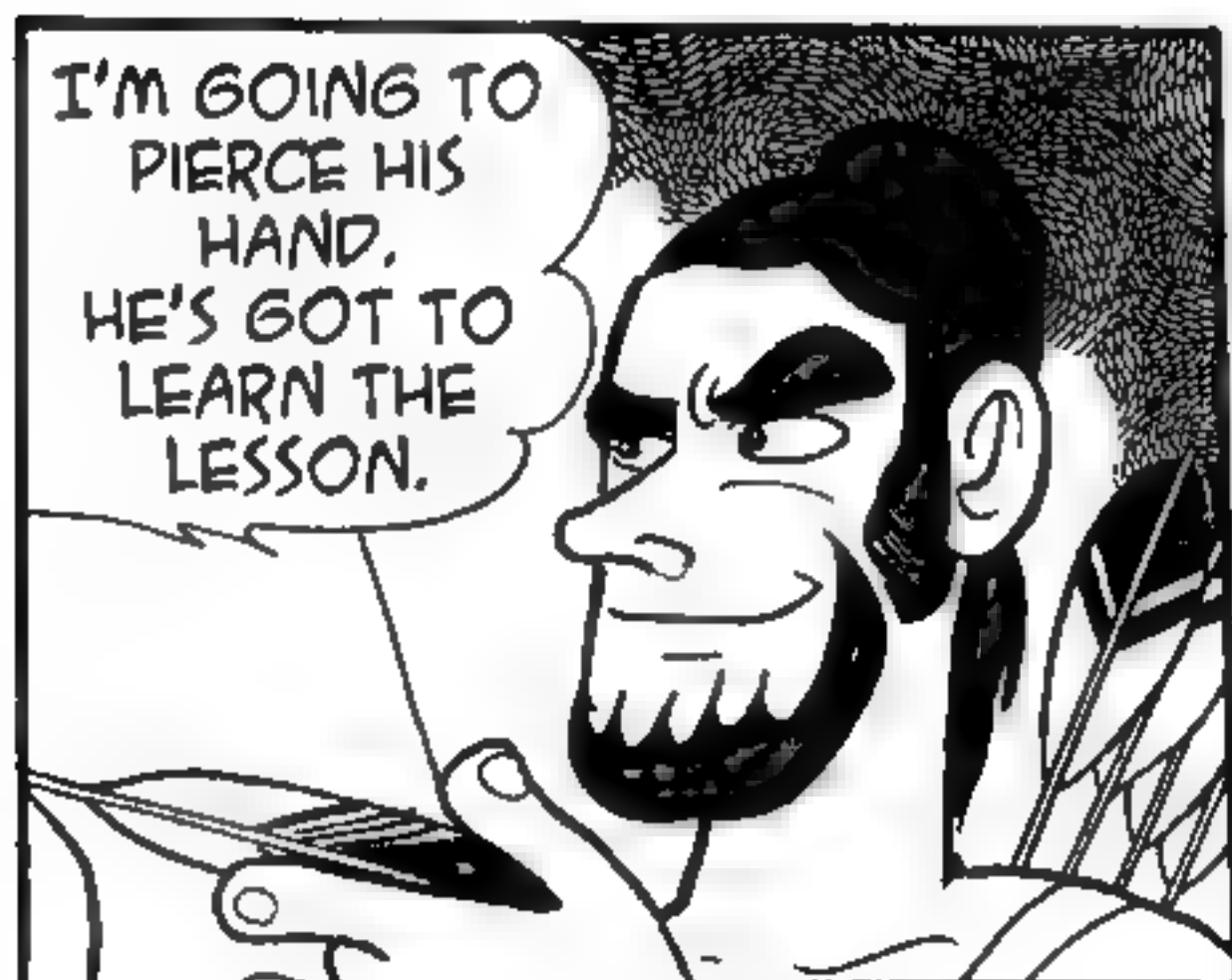
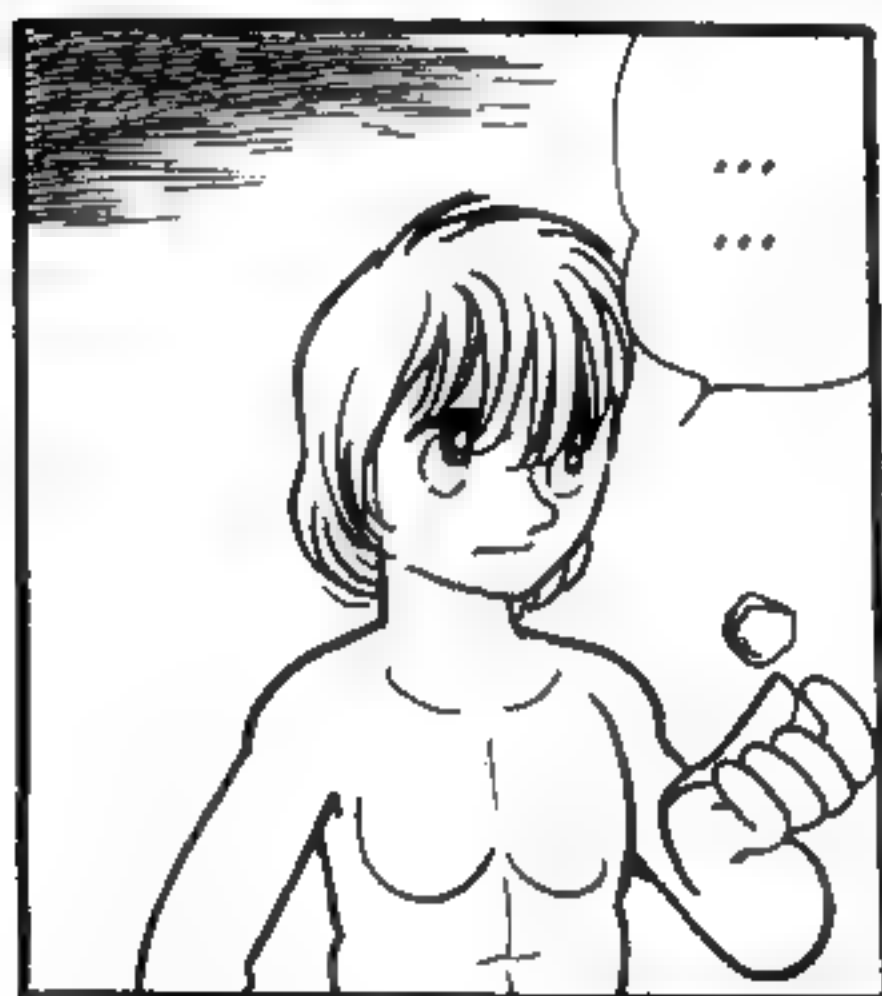
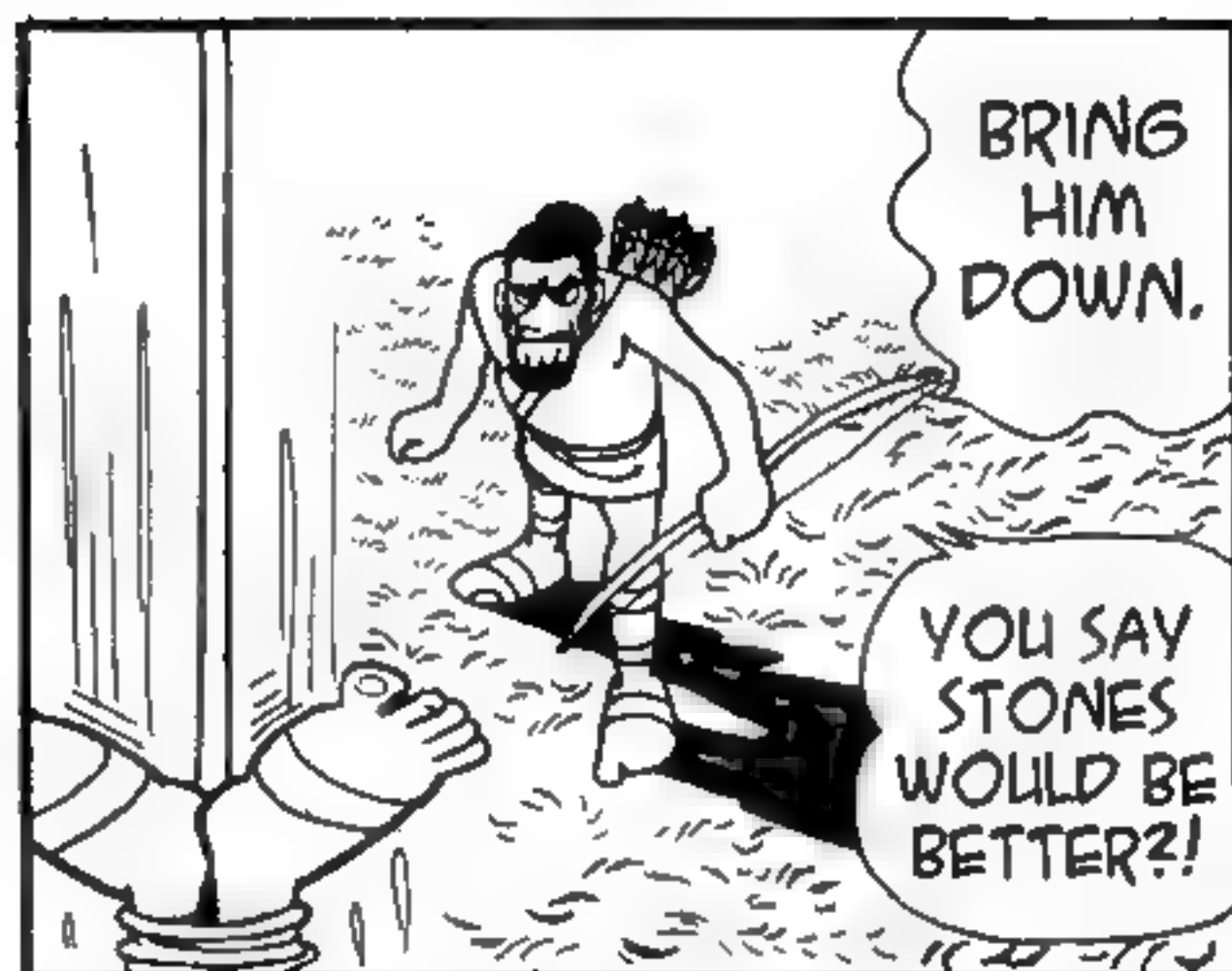
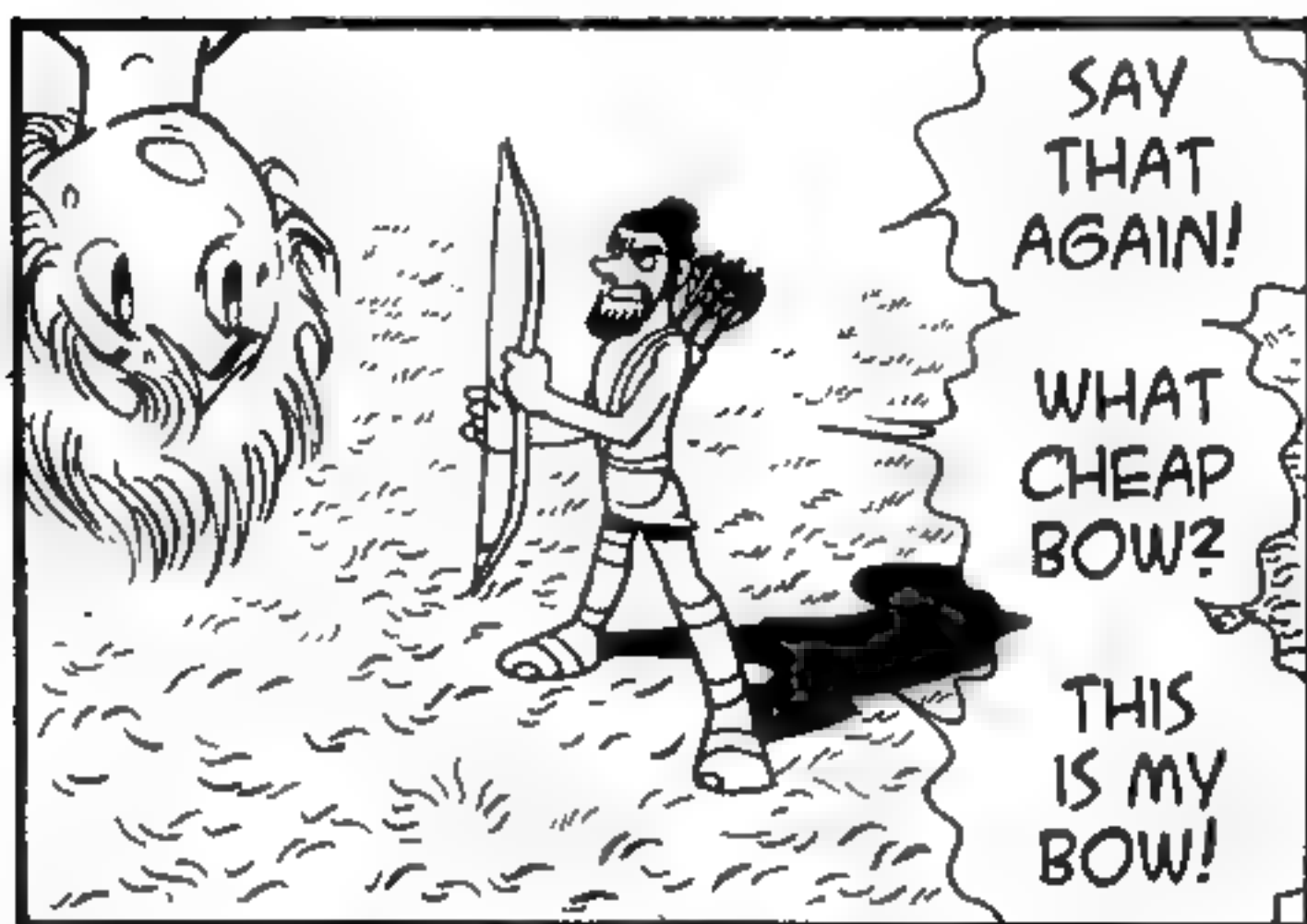


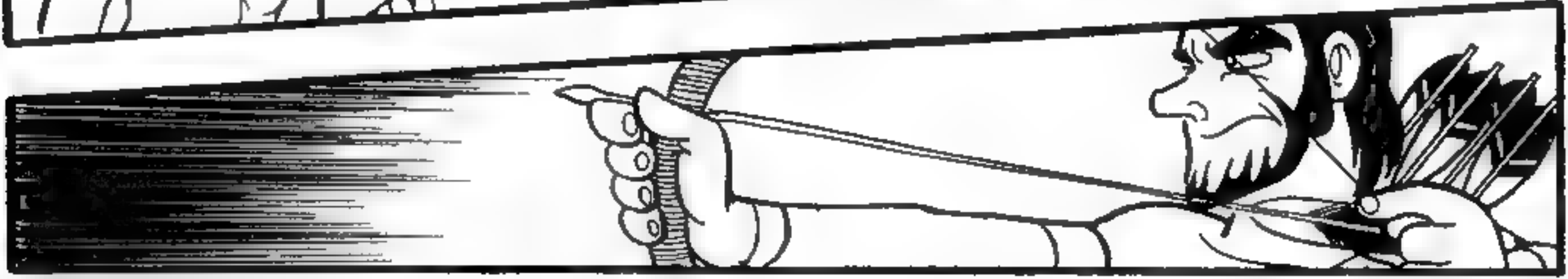


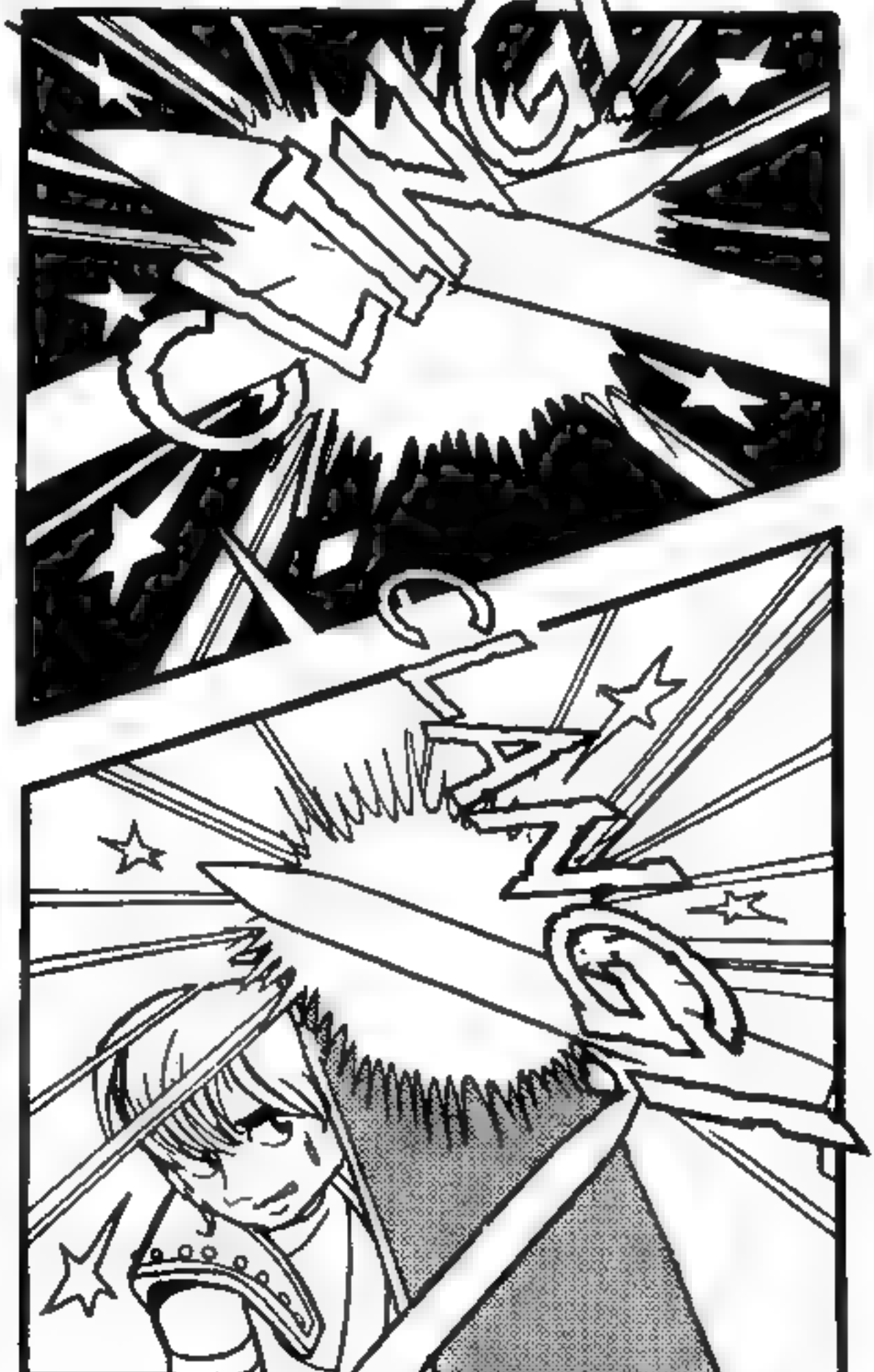
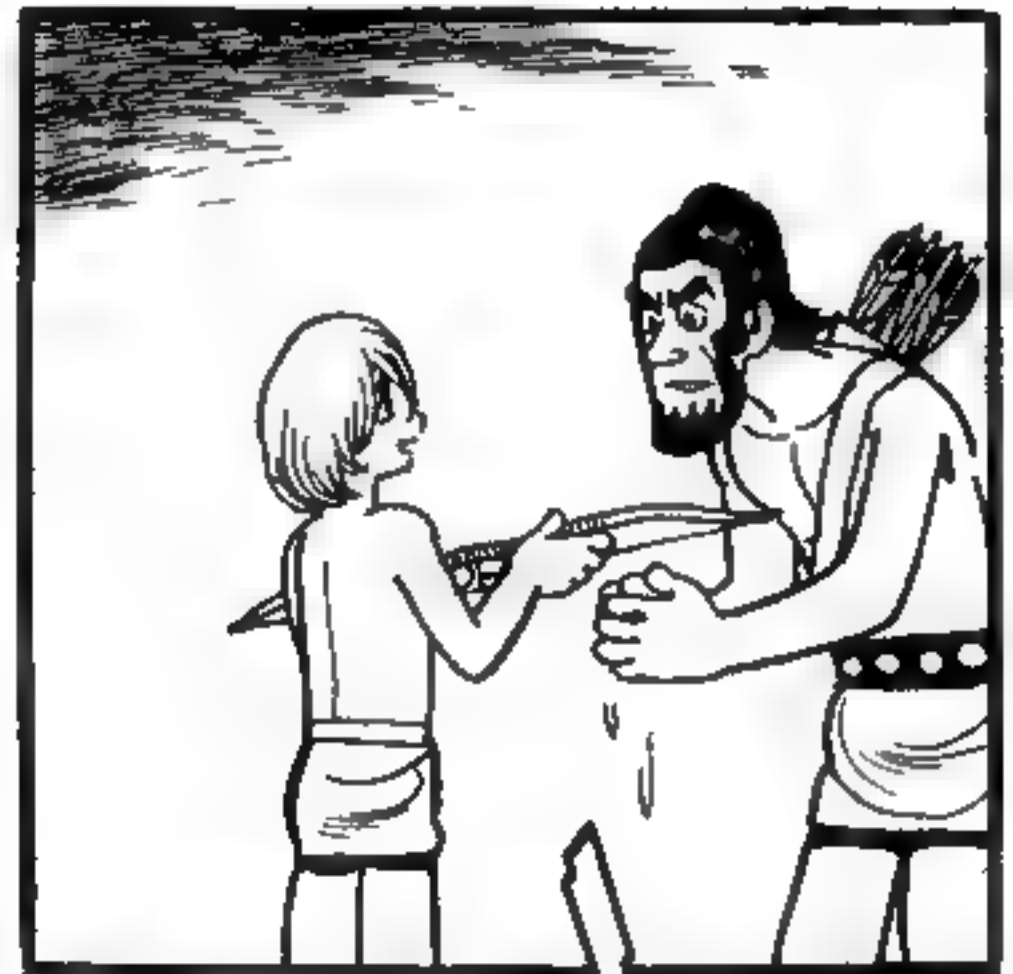
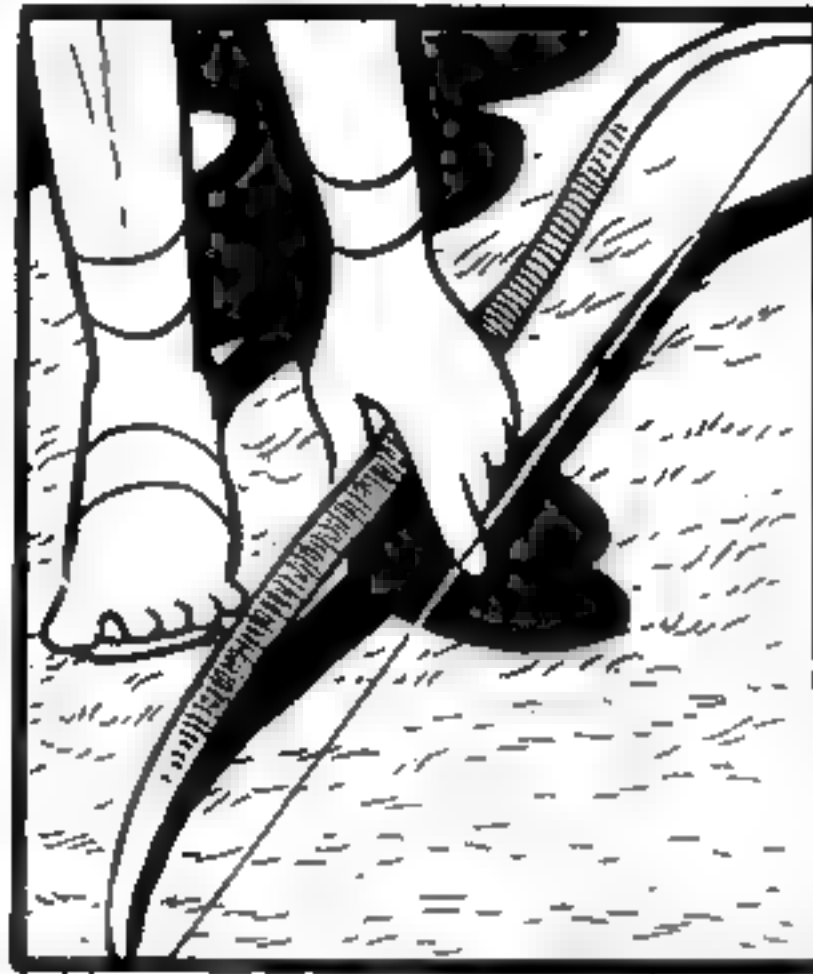


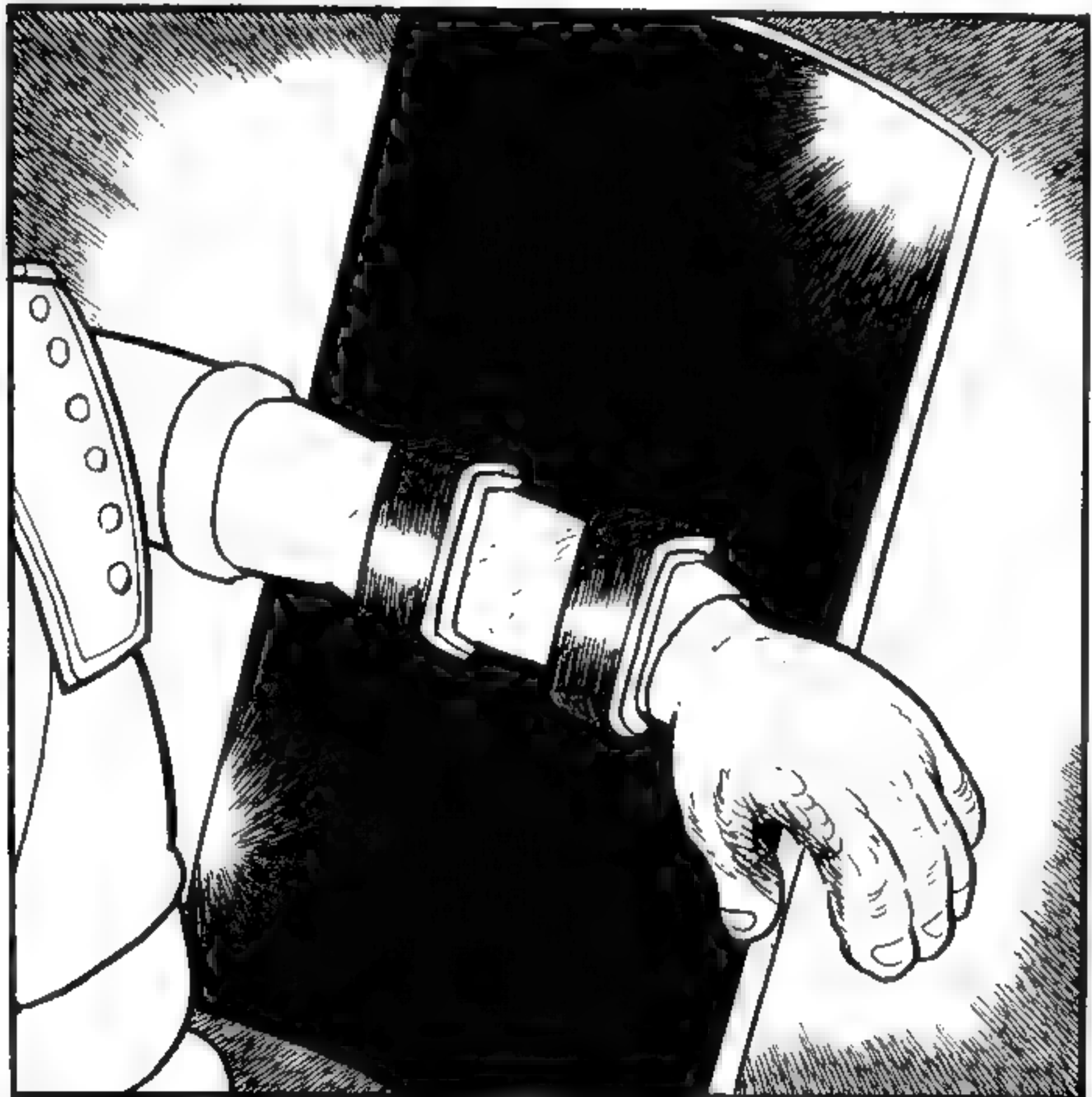
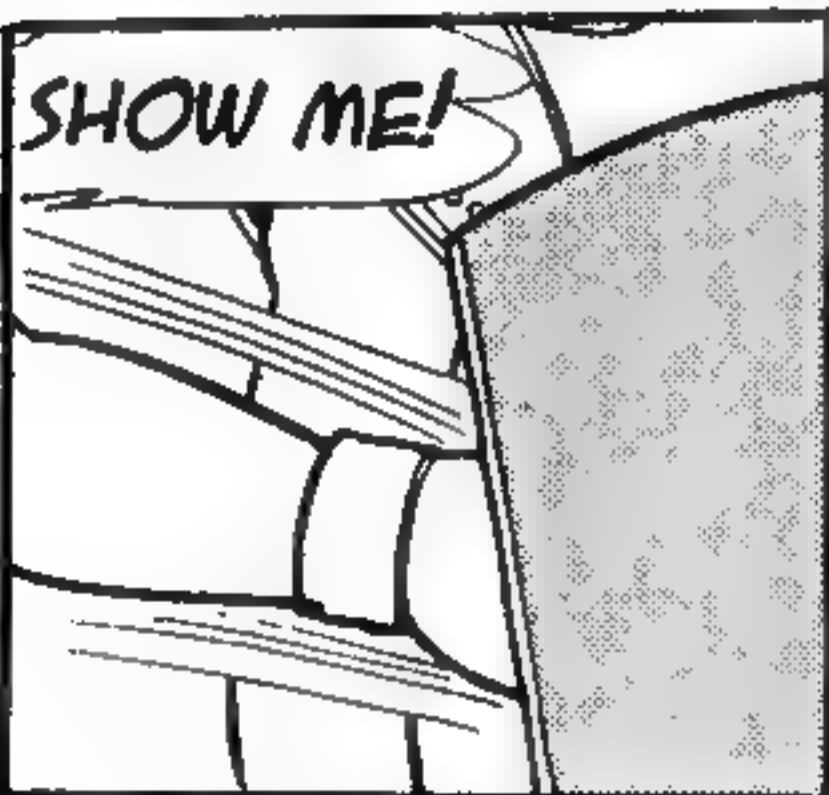
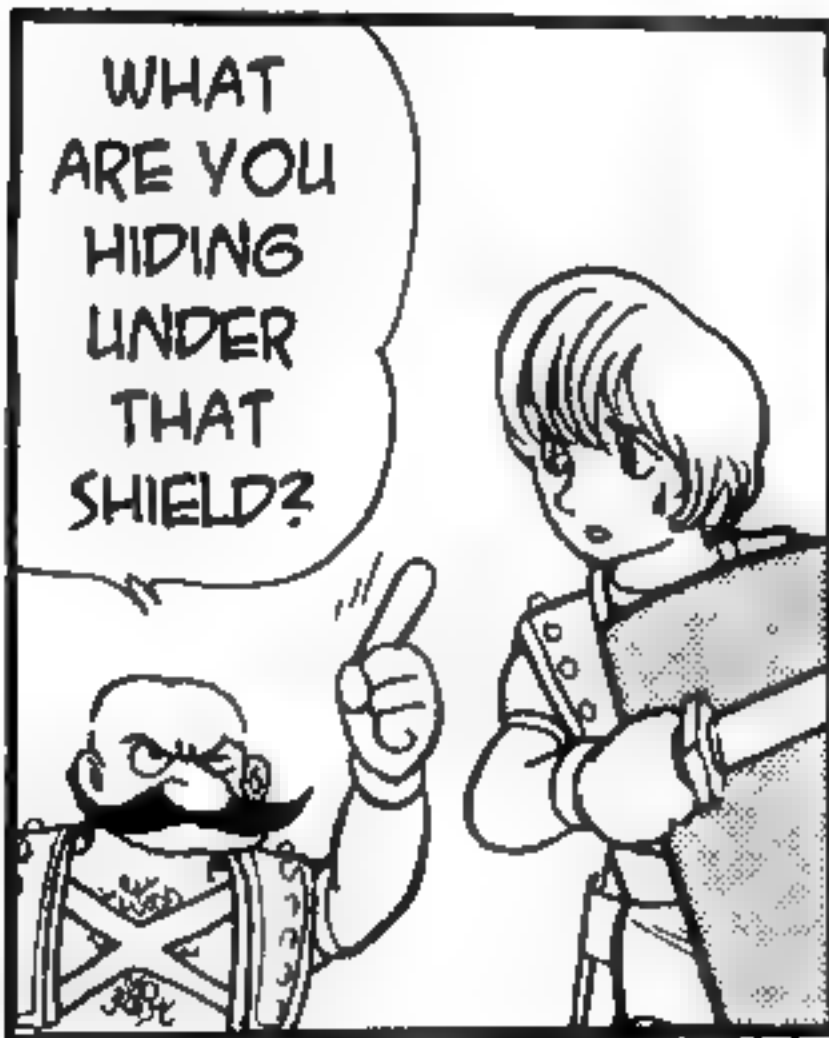
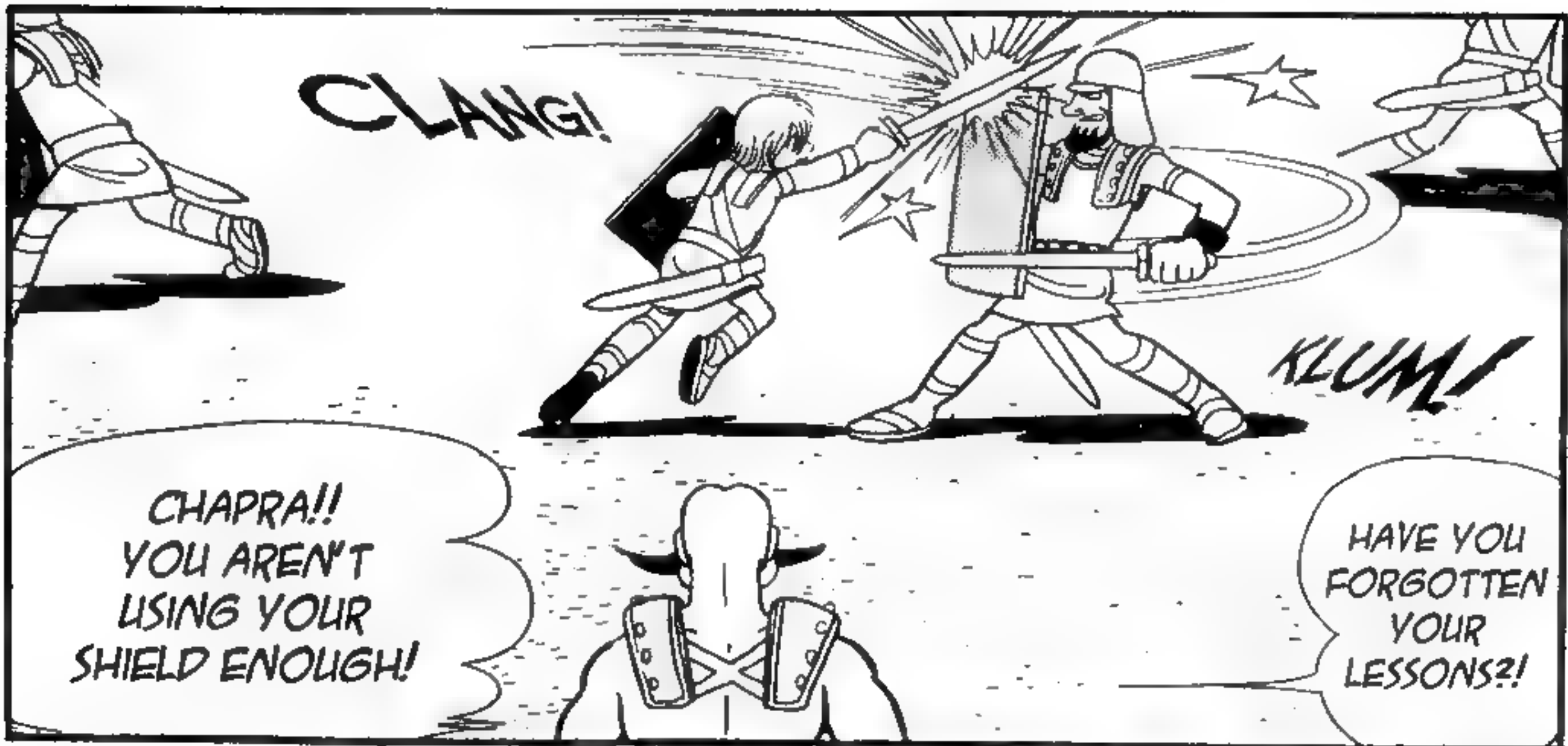


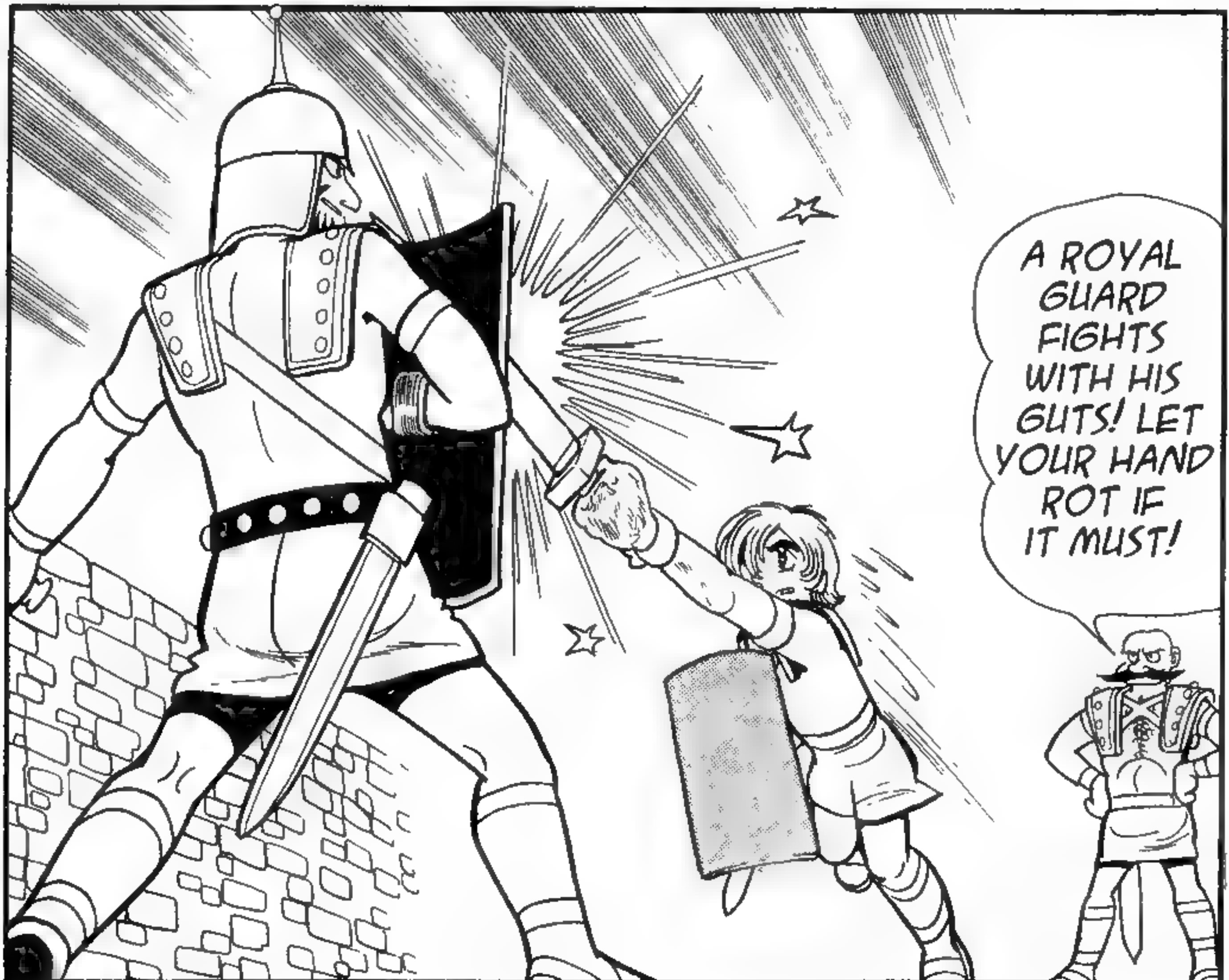
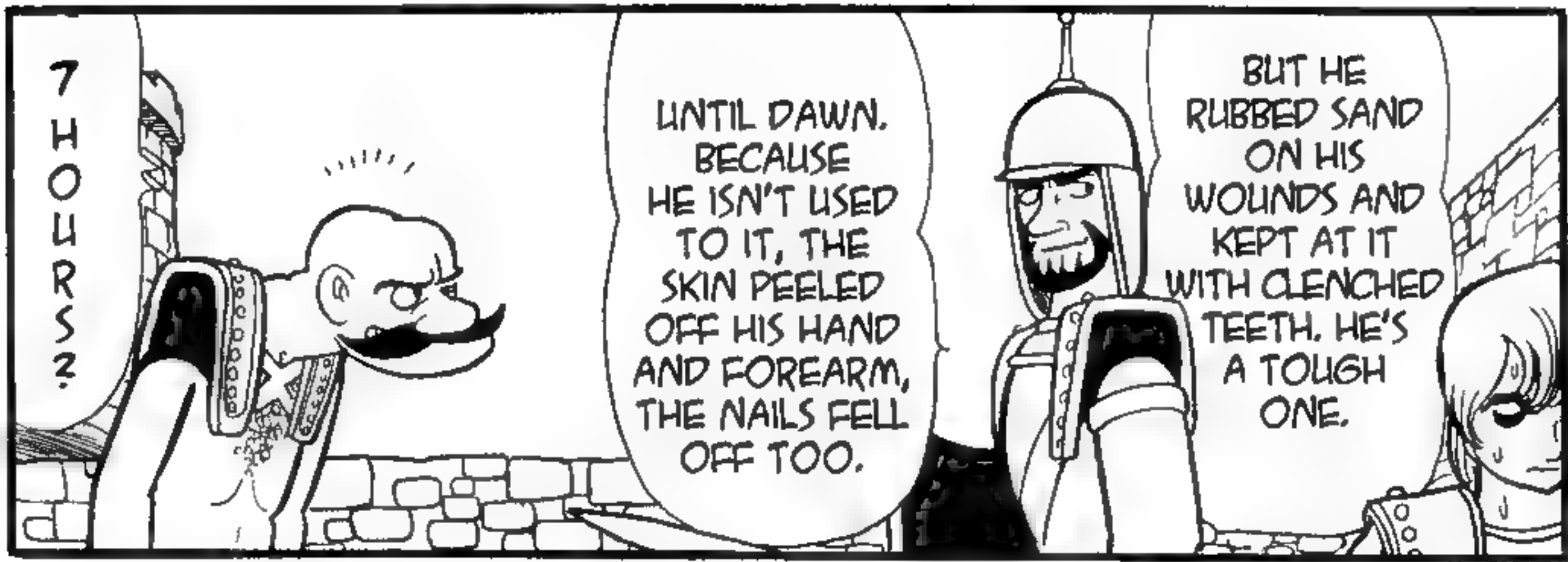


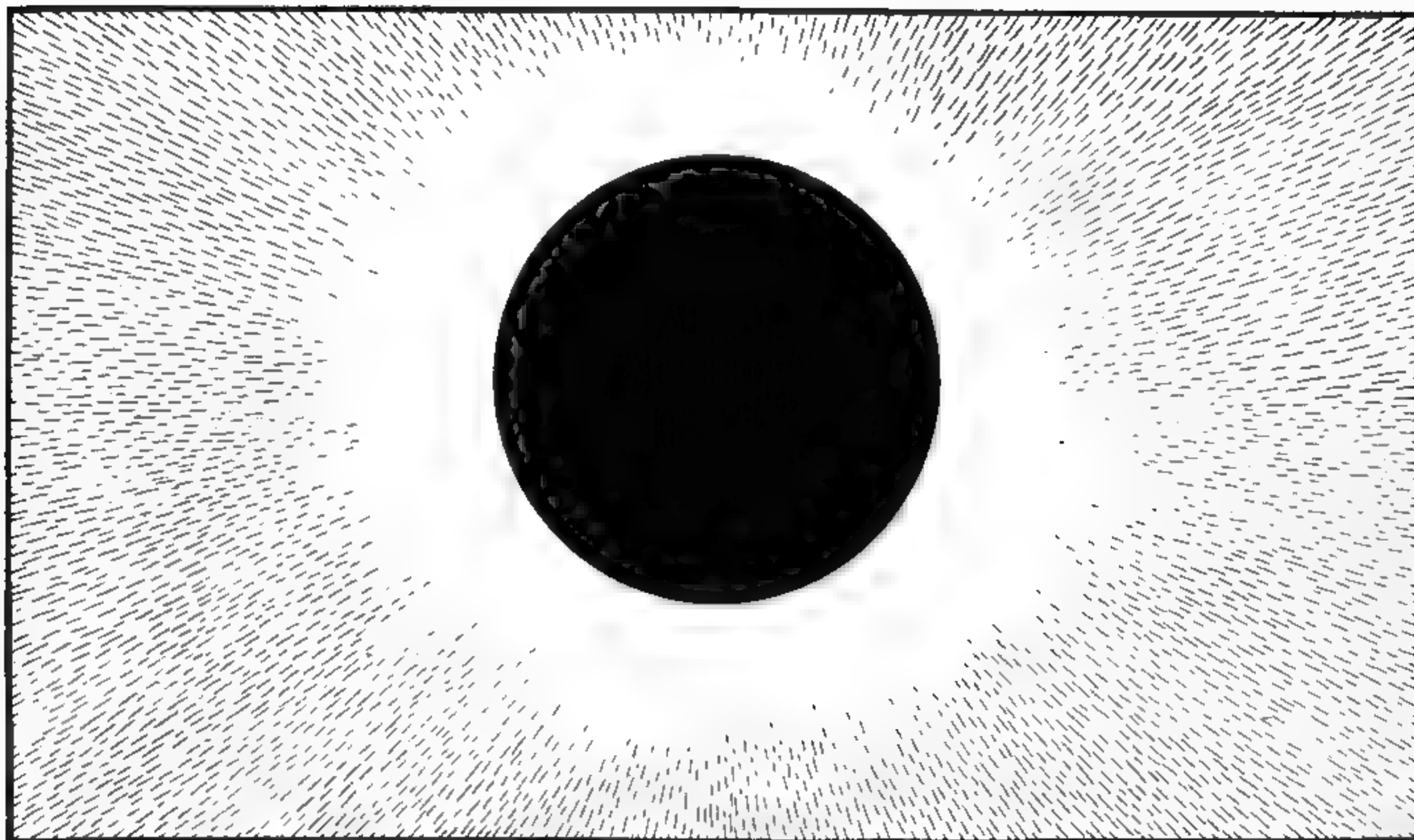


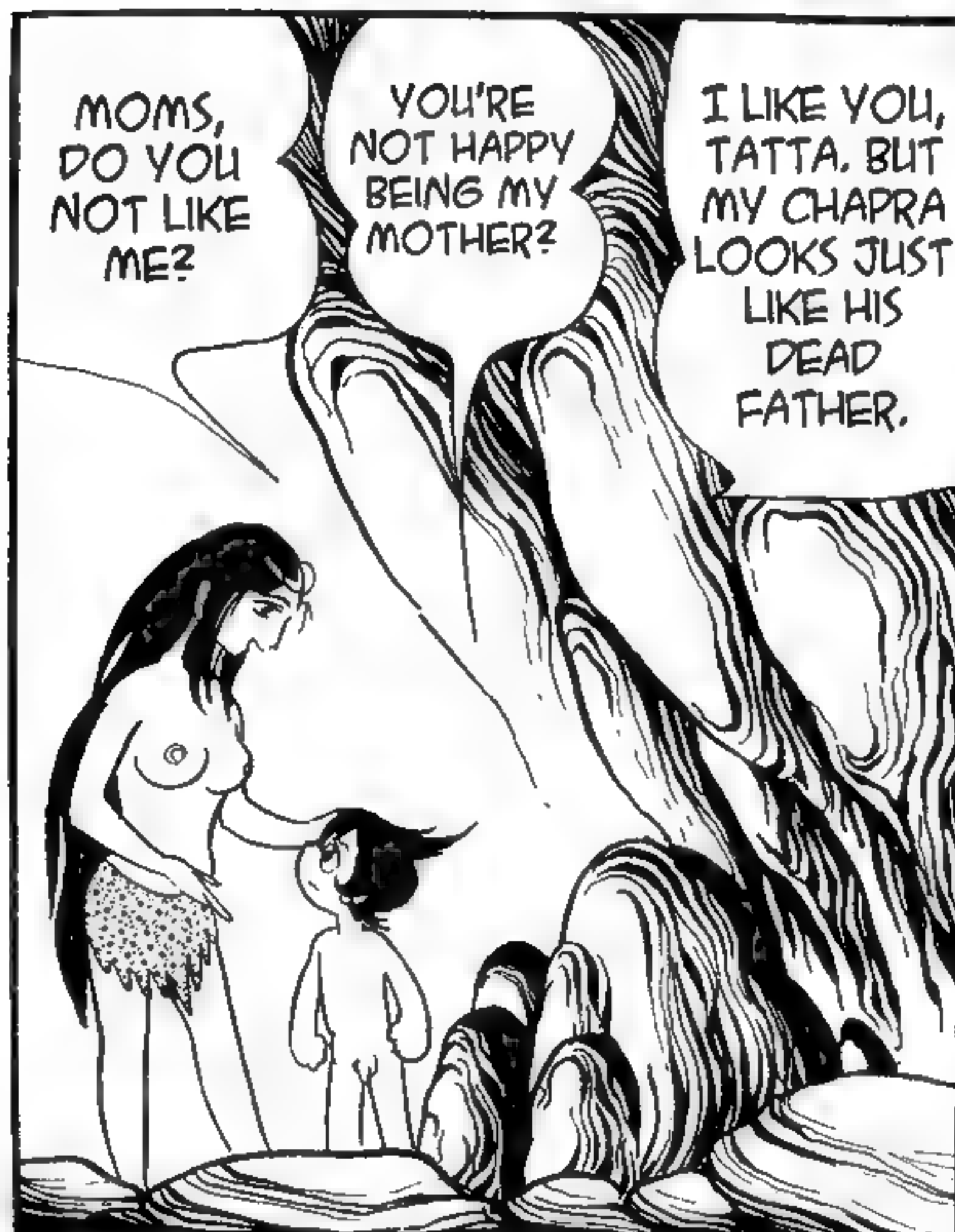


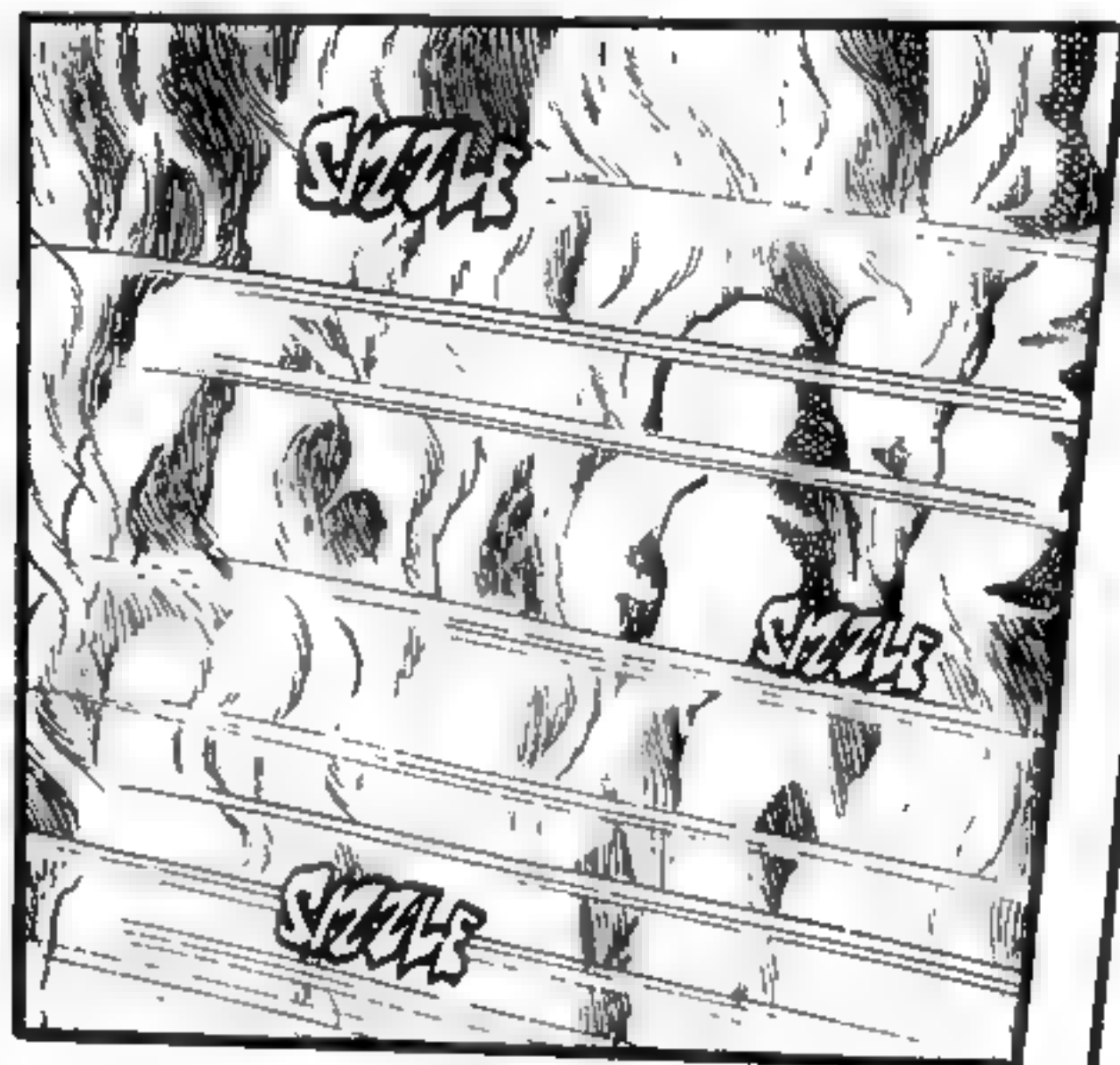
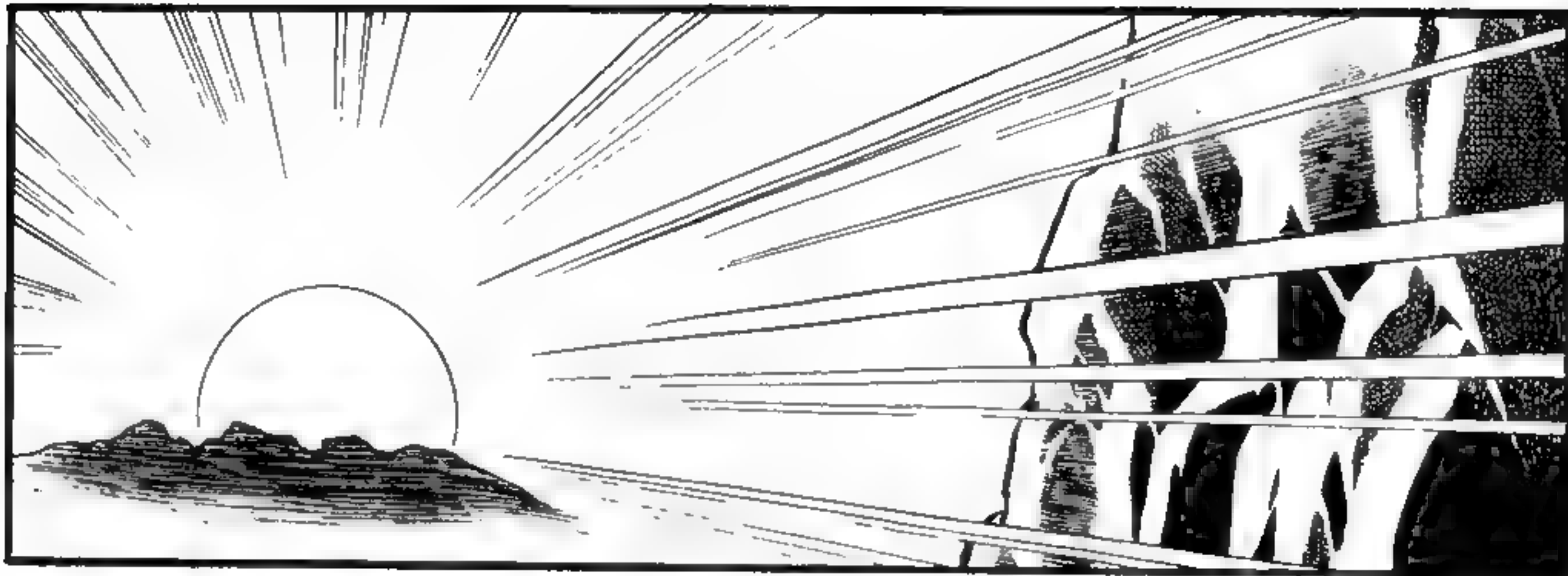




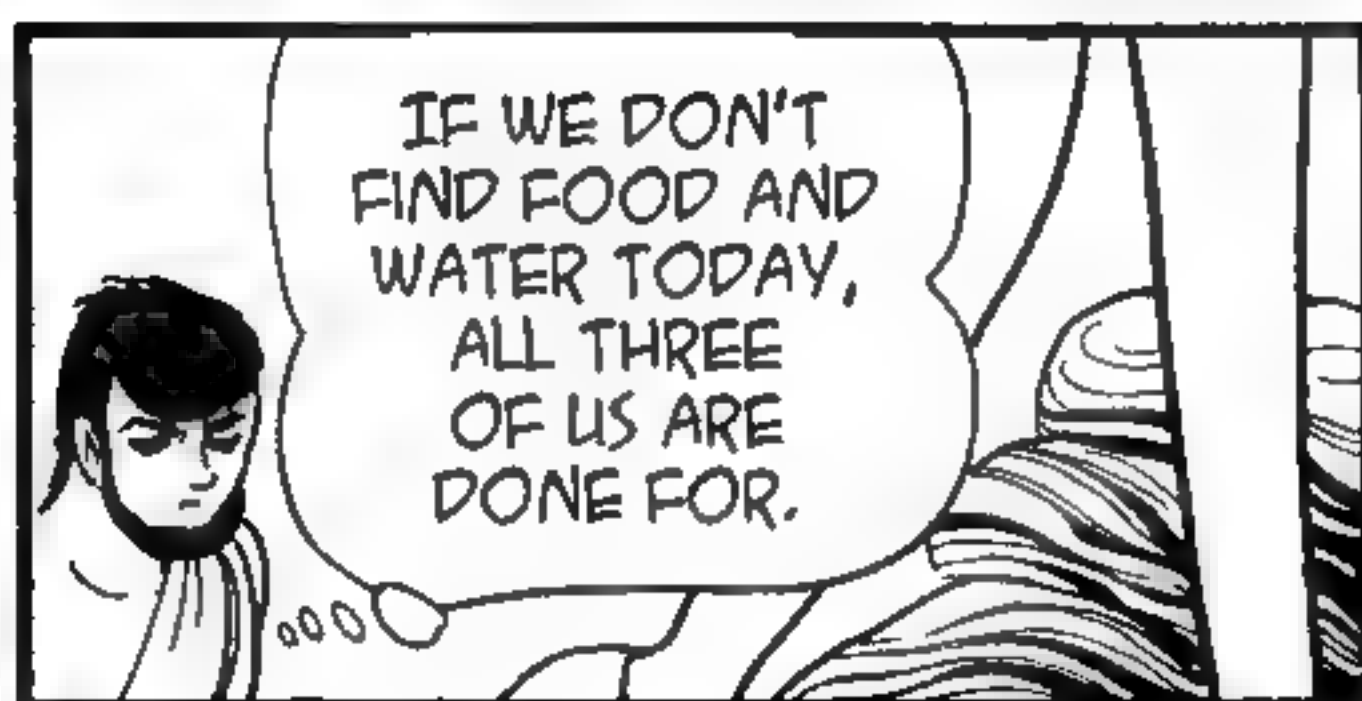
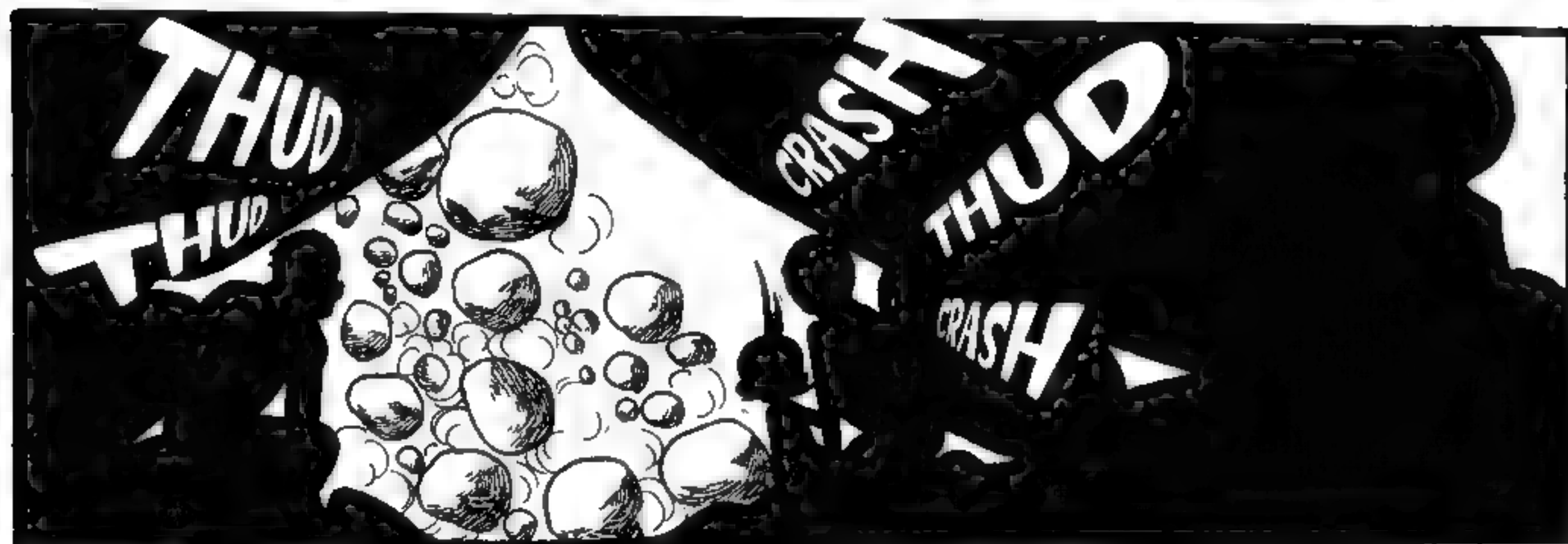
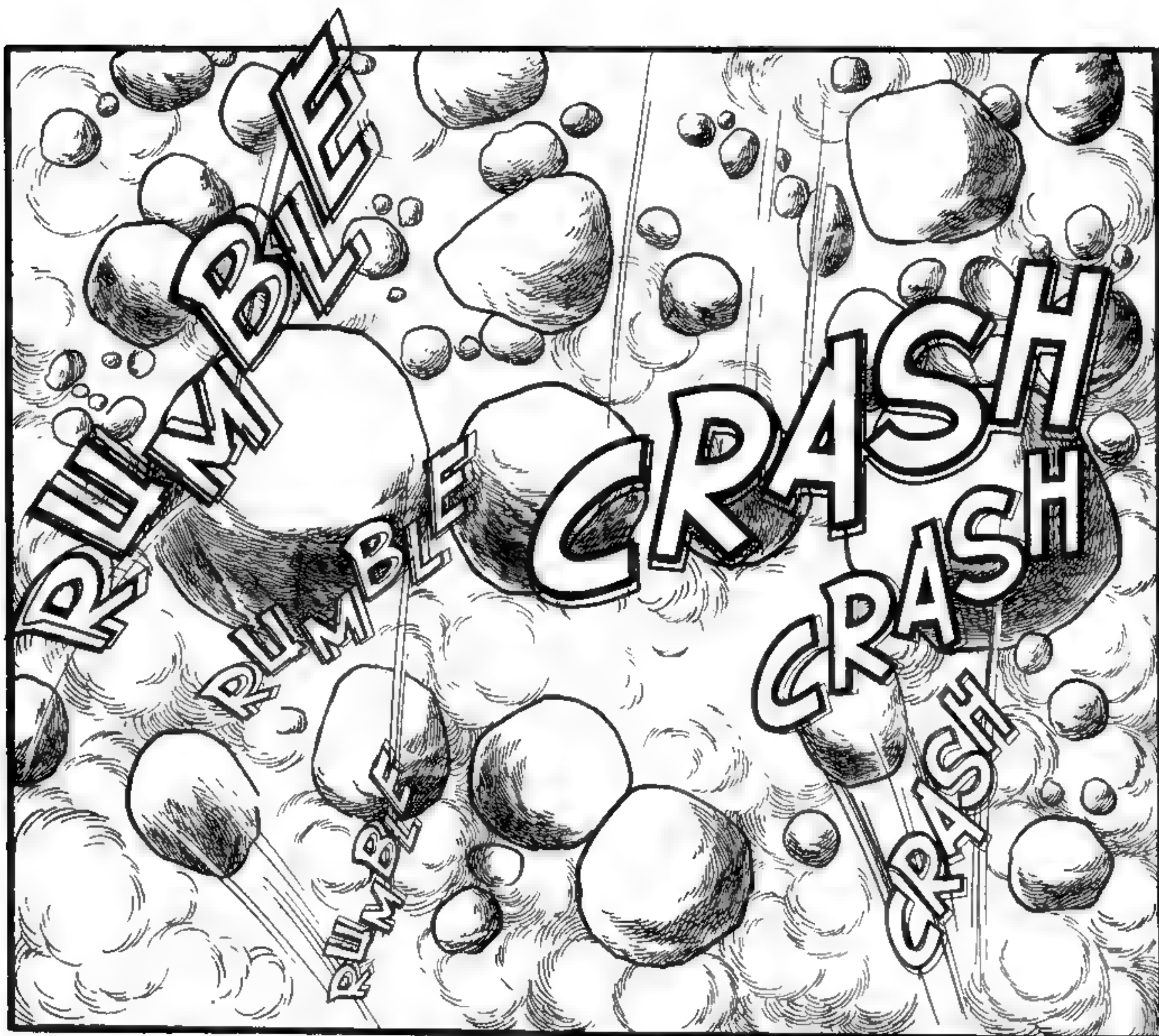


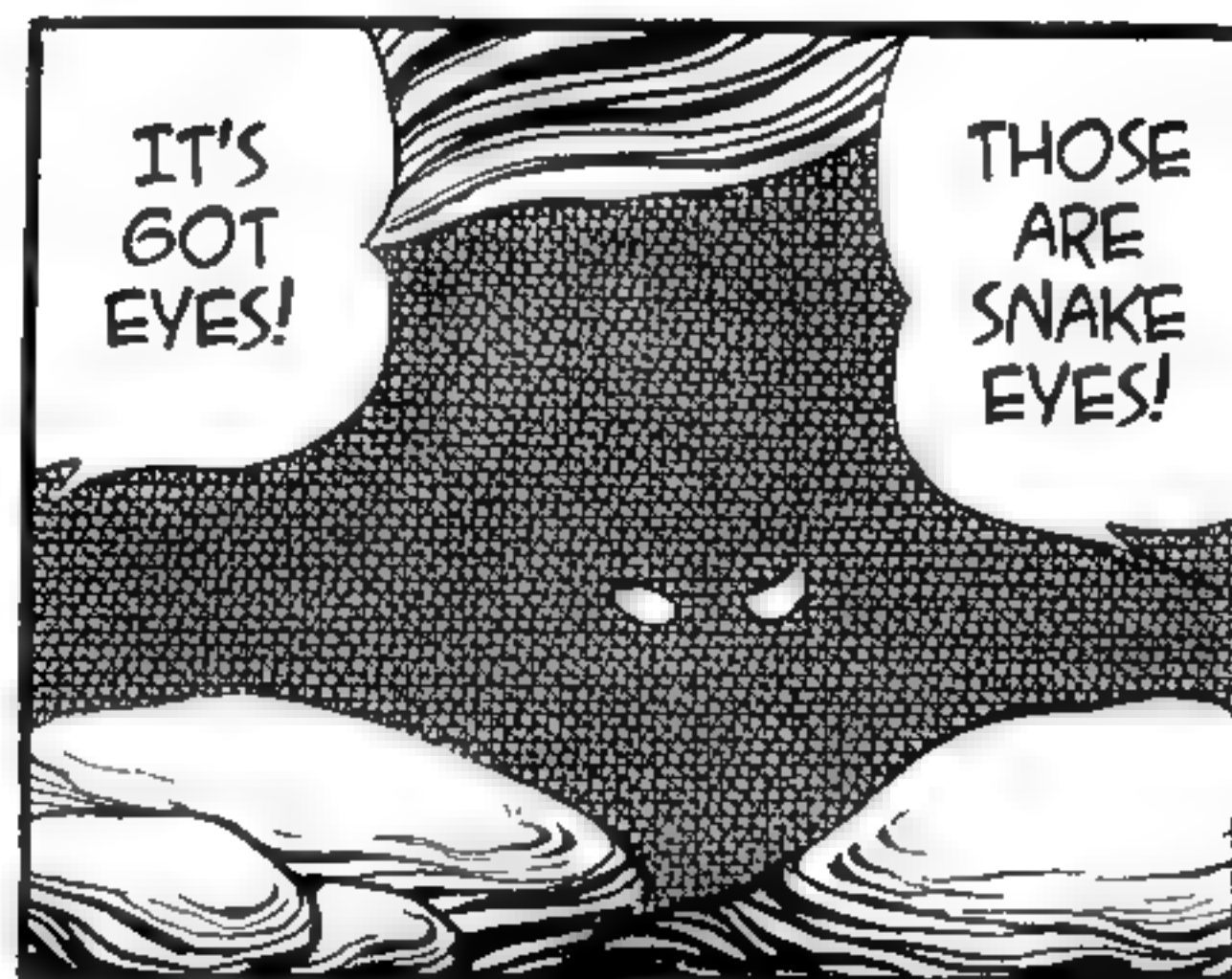
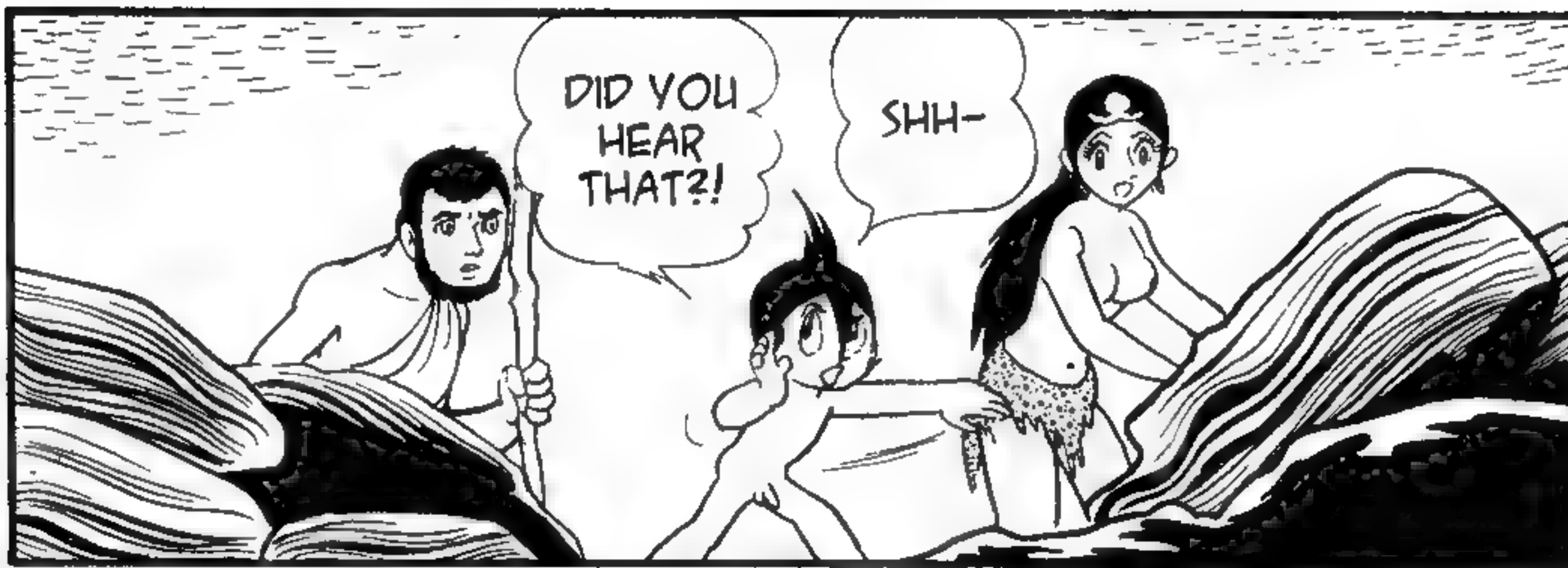




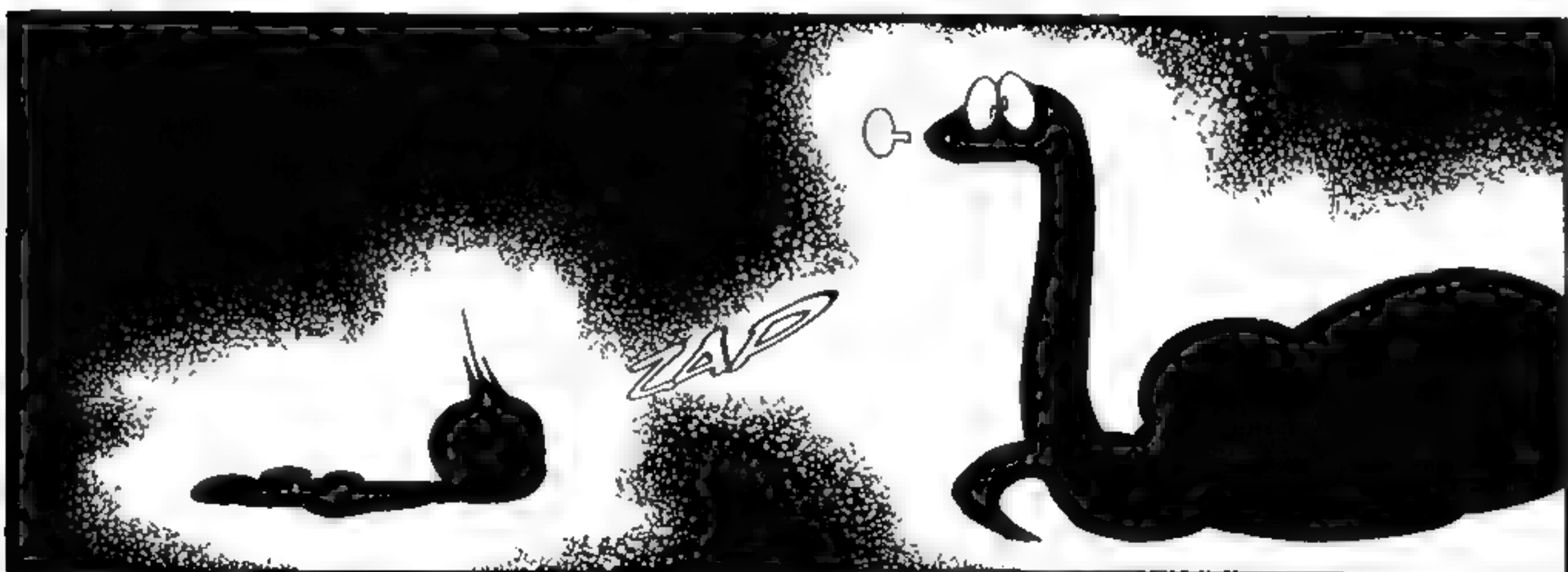
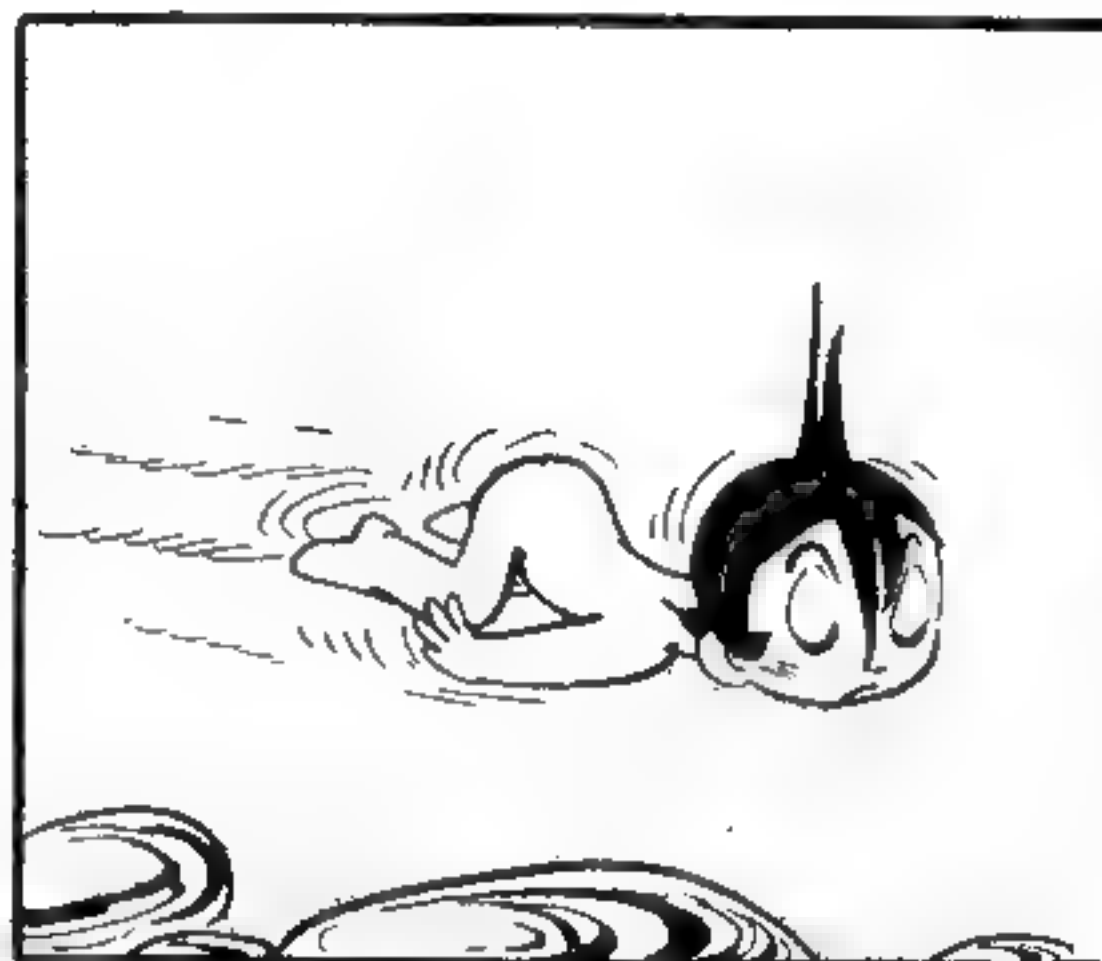
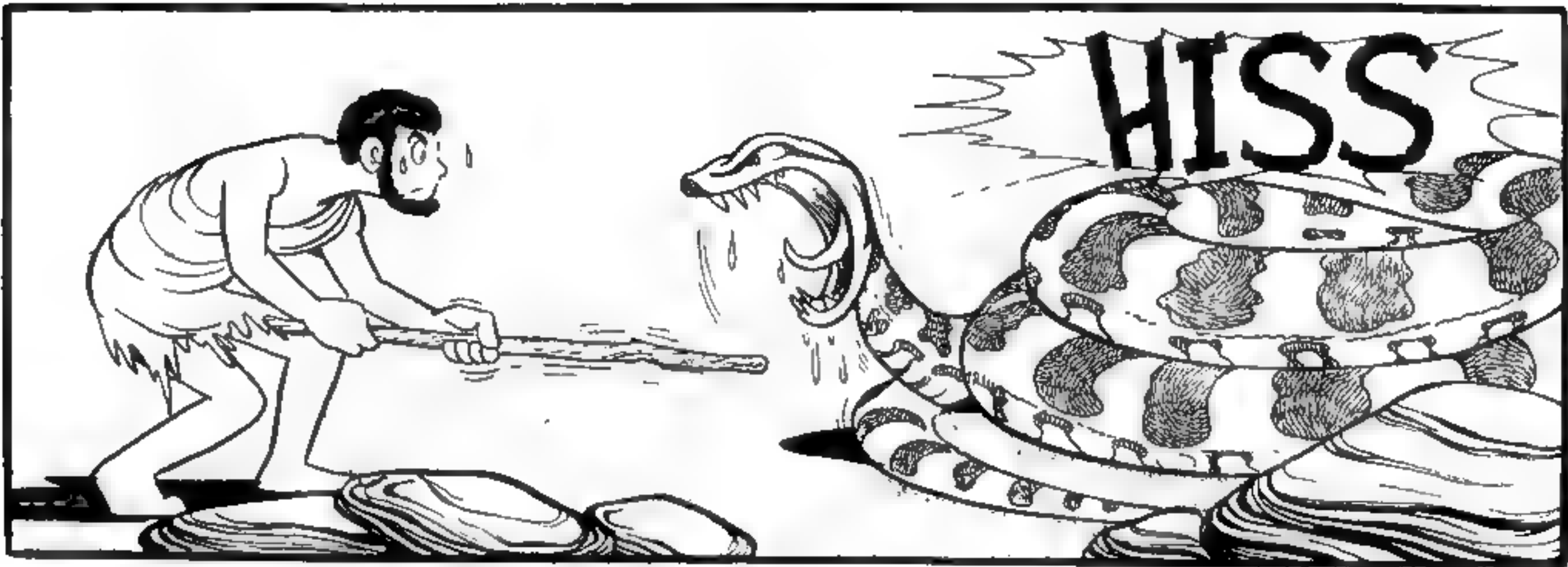


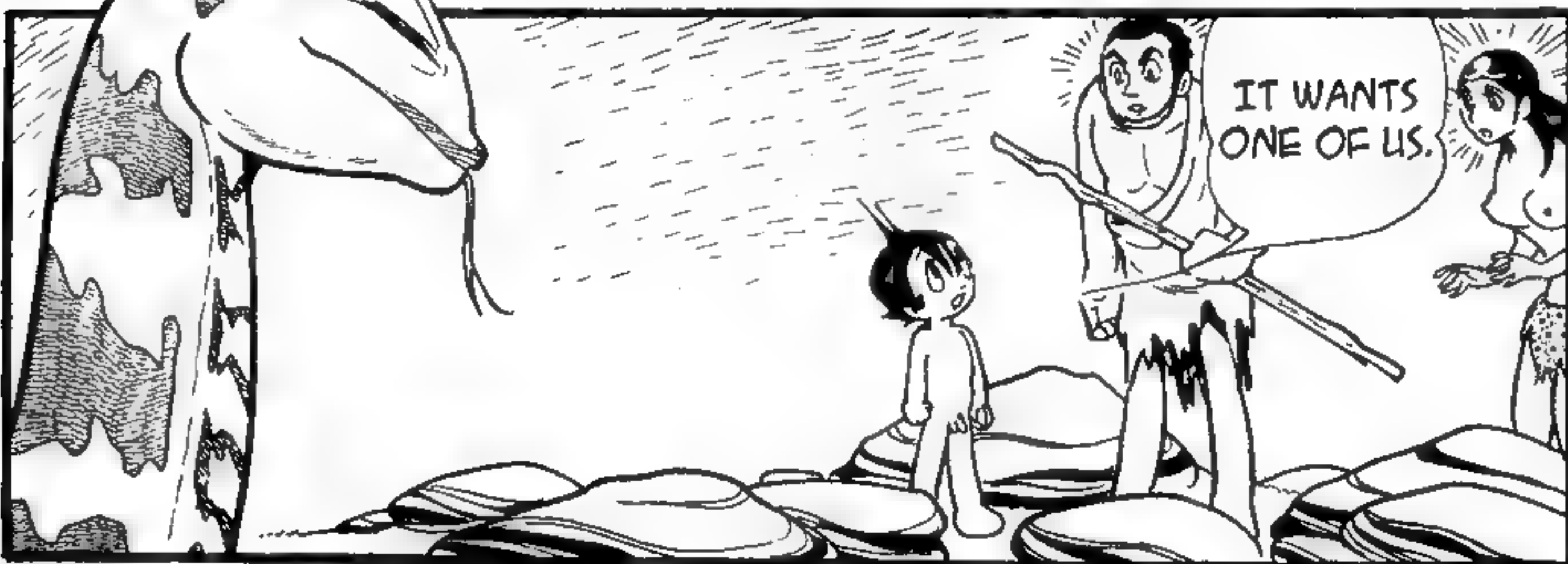
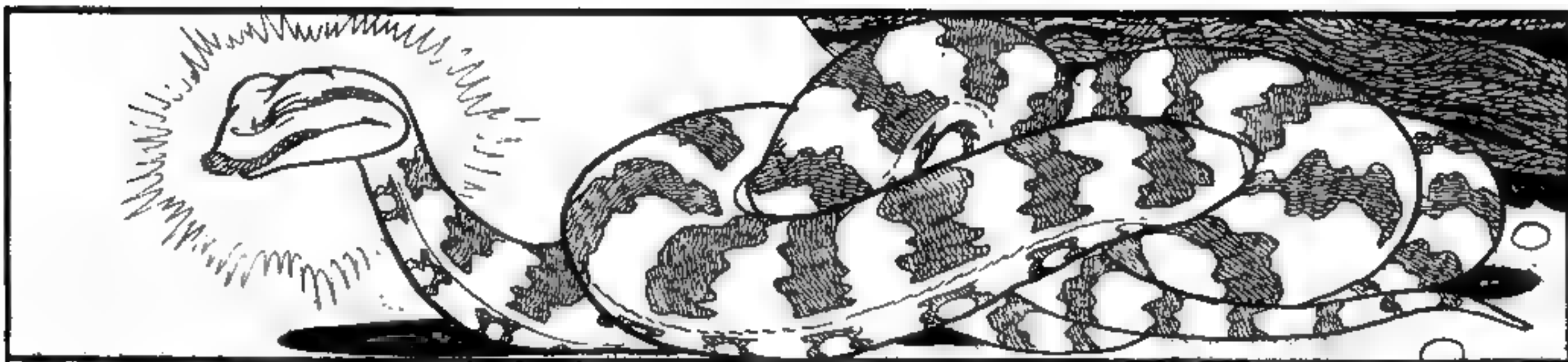


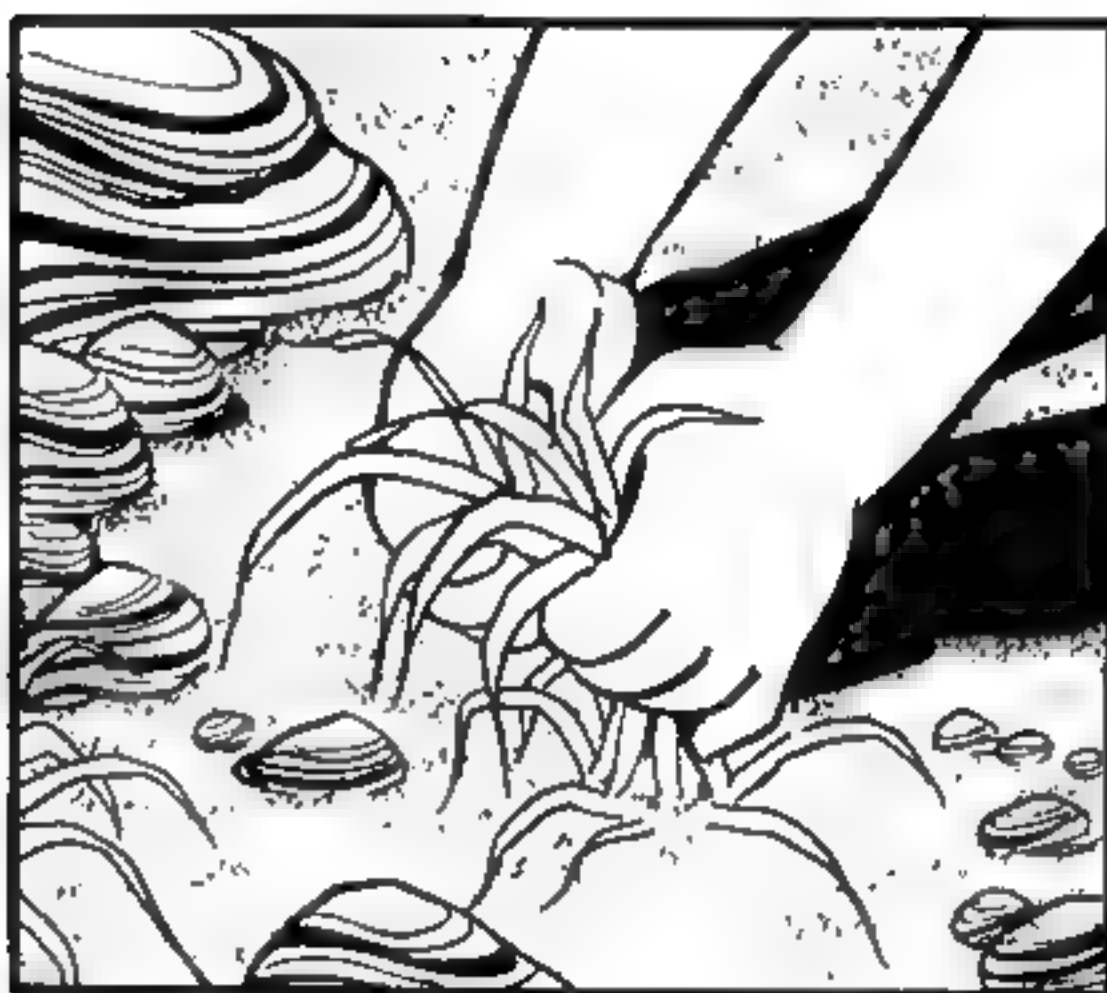
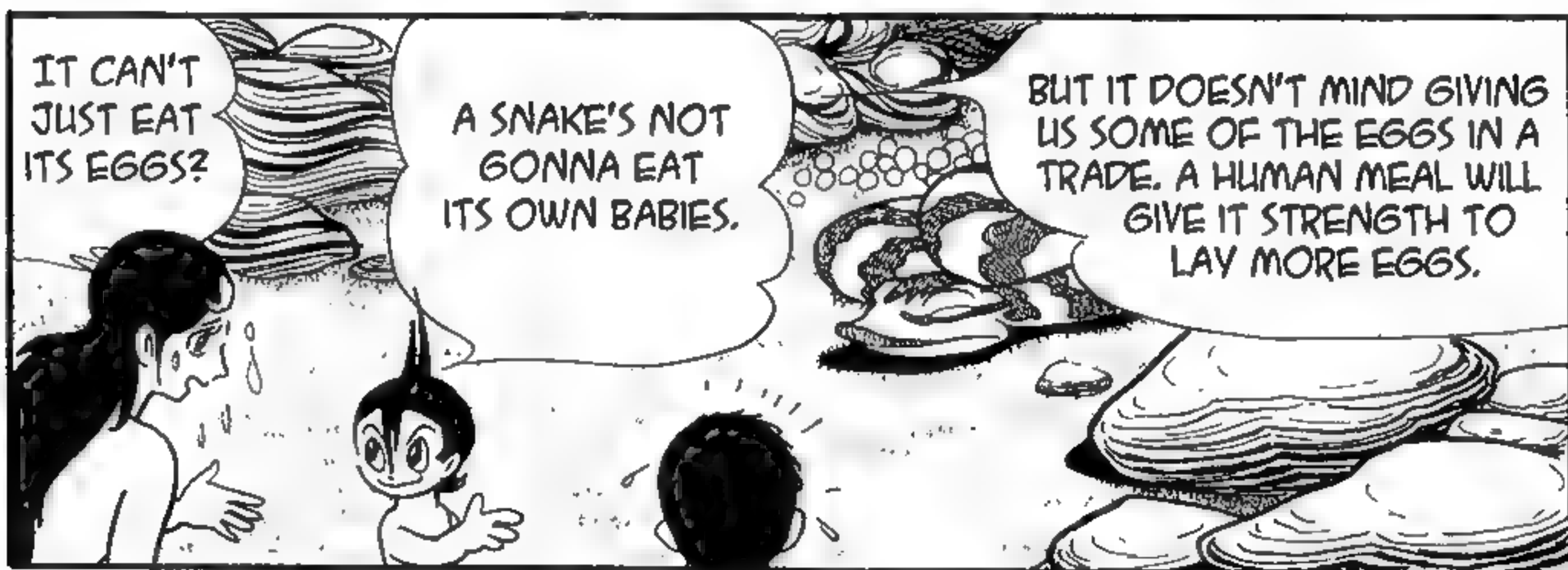
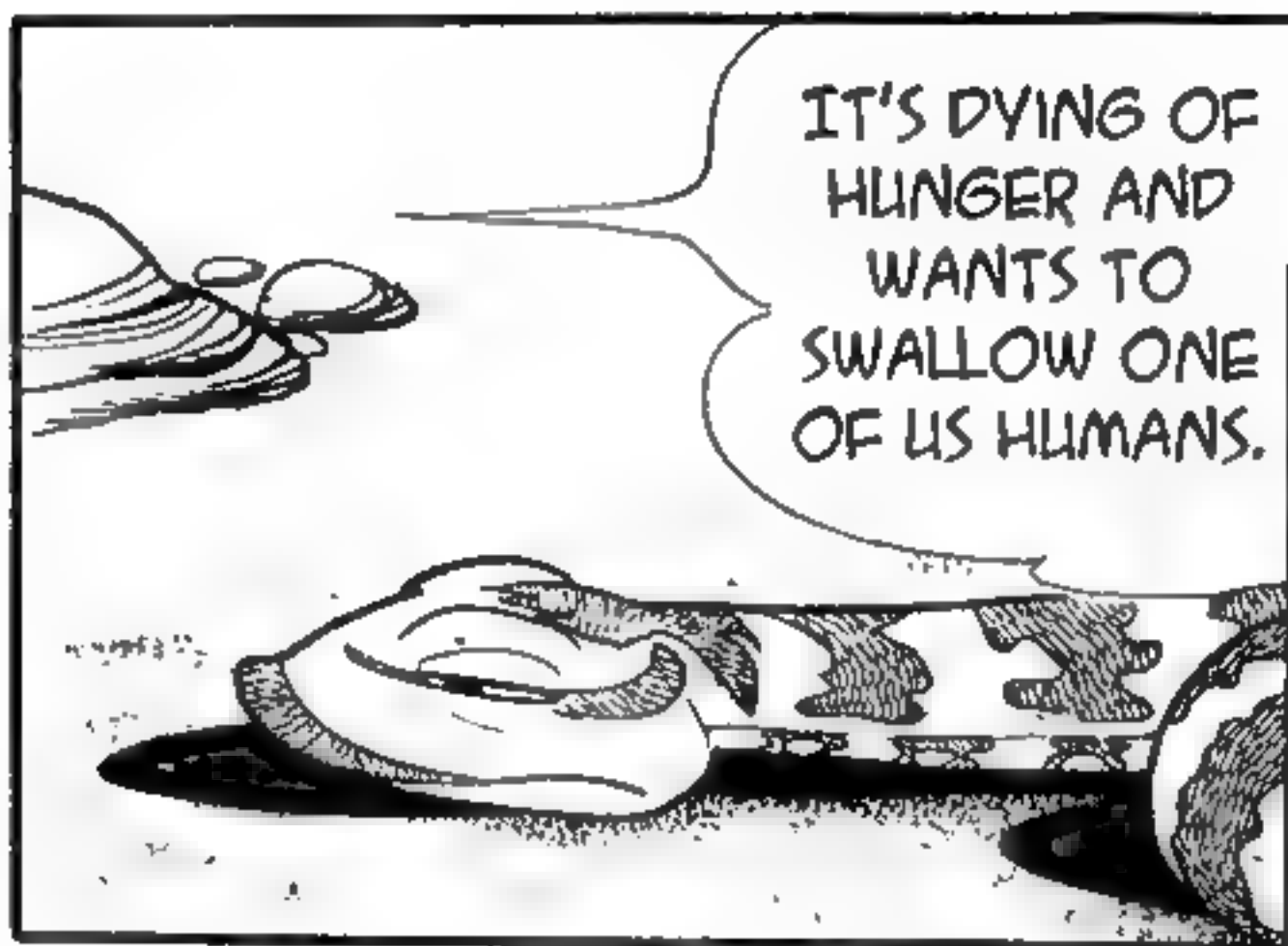


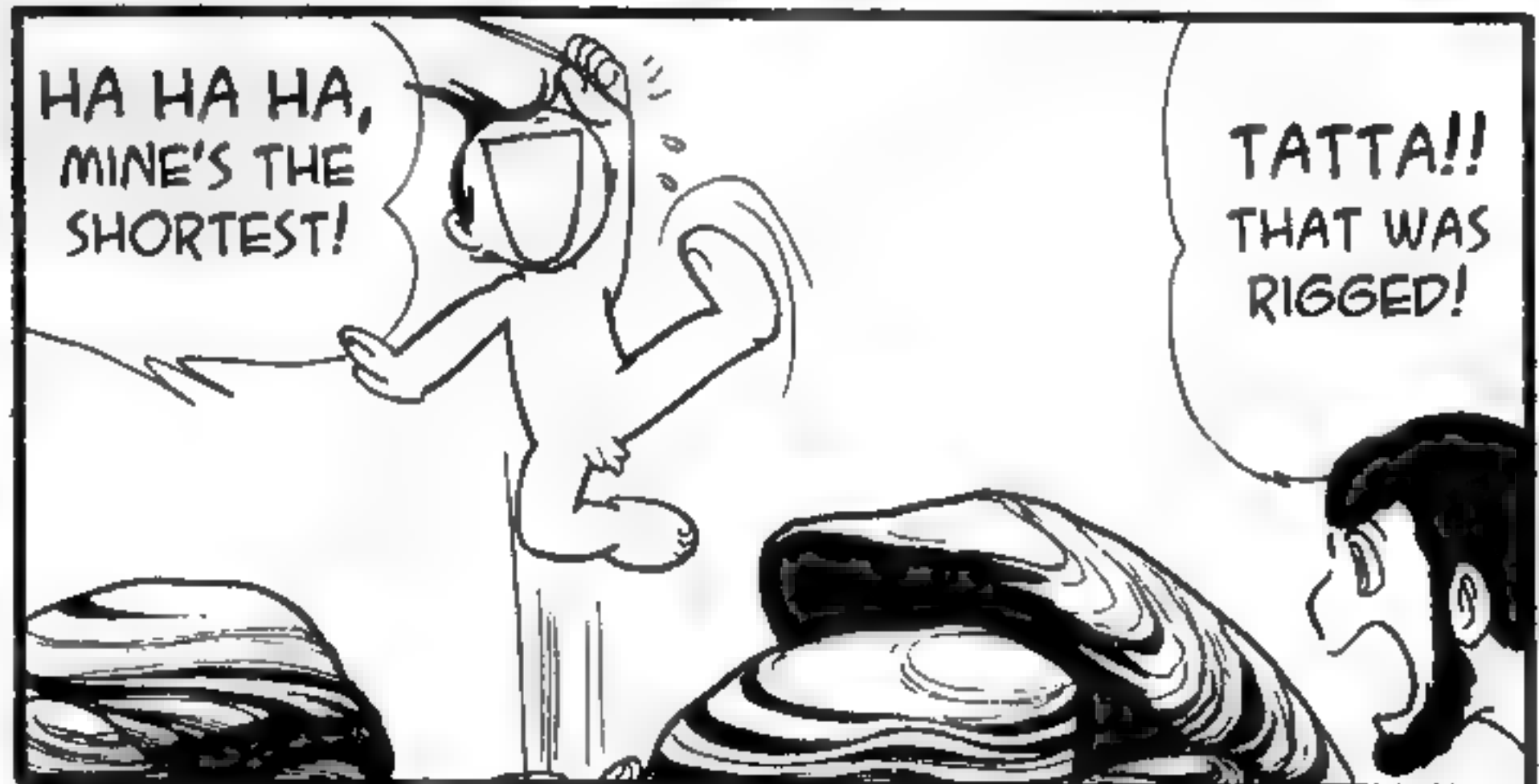
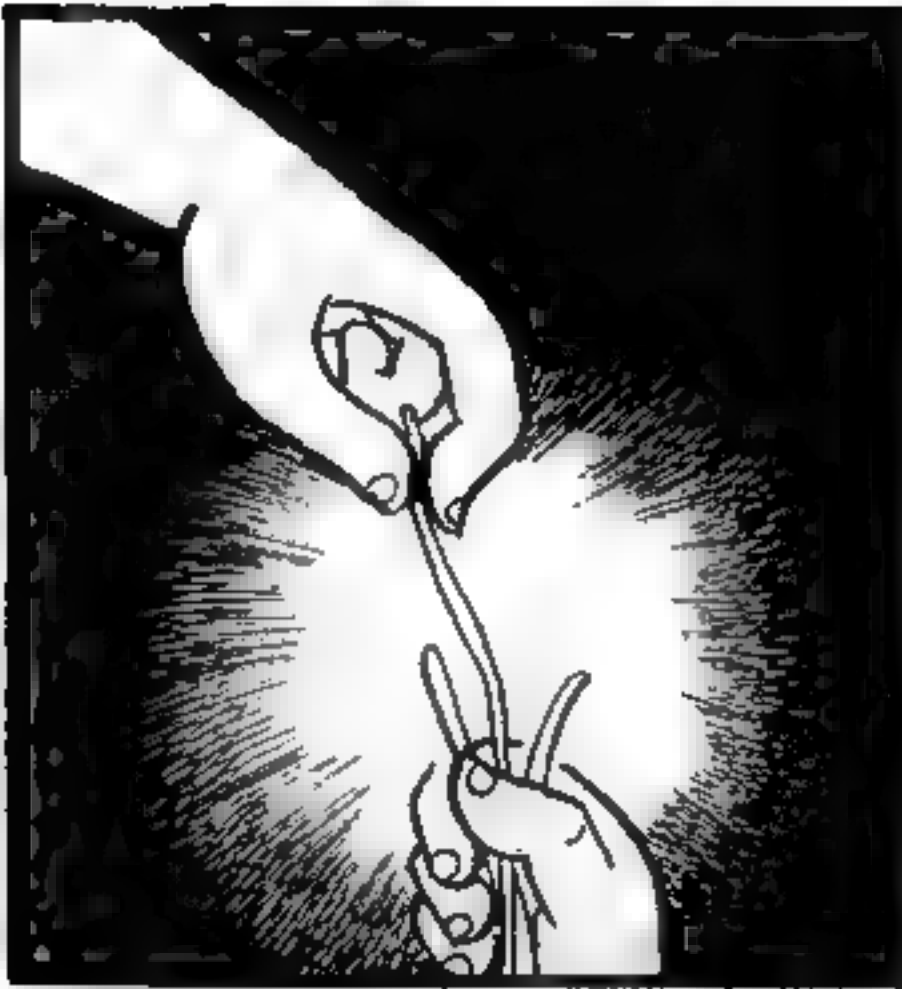












HA HA HA,
MINE'S THE
SHORTEST!

TATTA!!
THAT WAS
RIGGED!

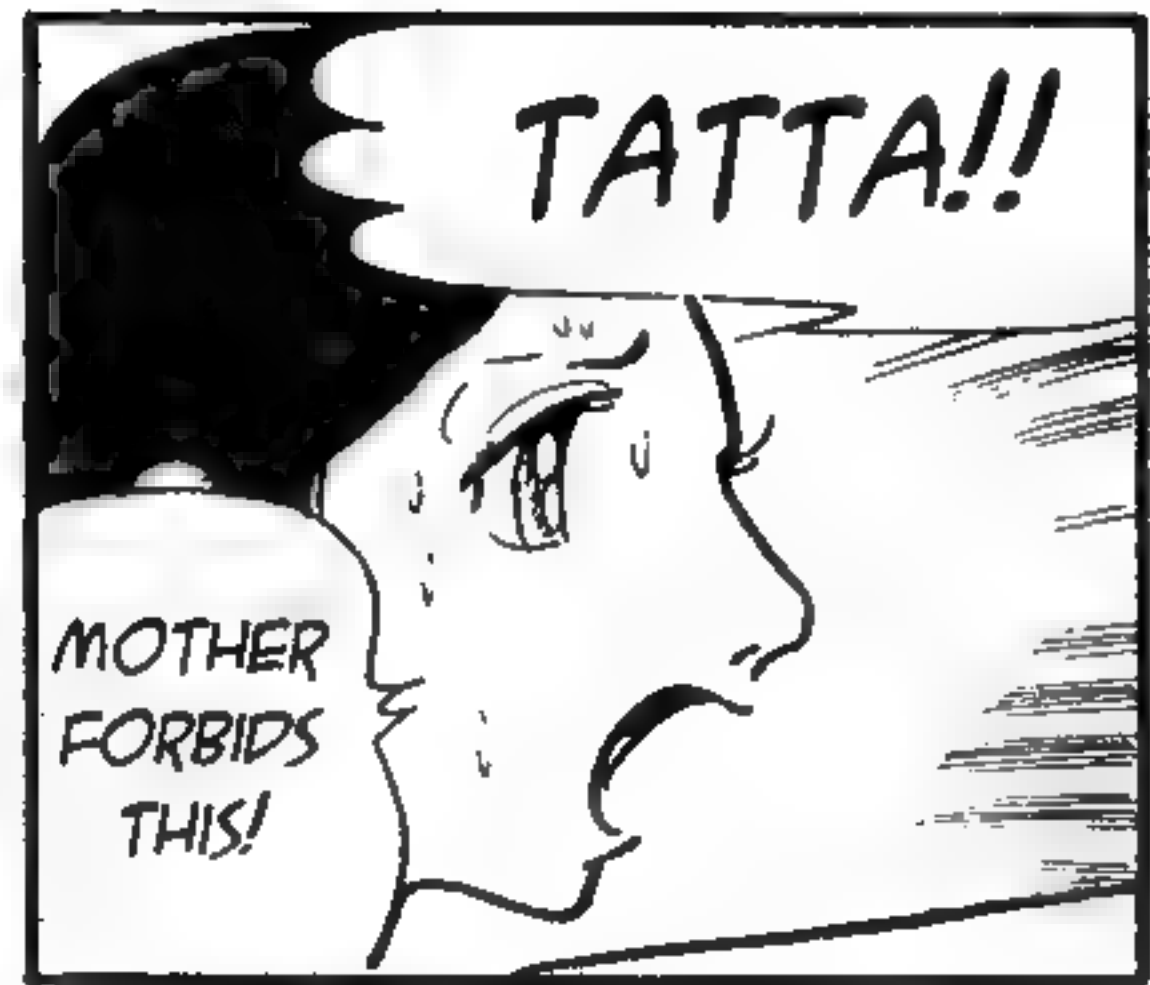
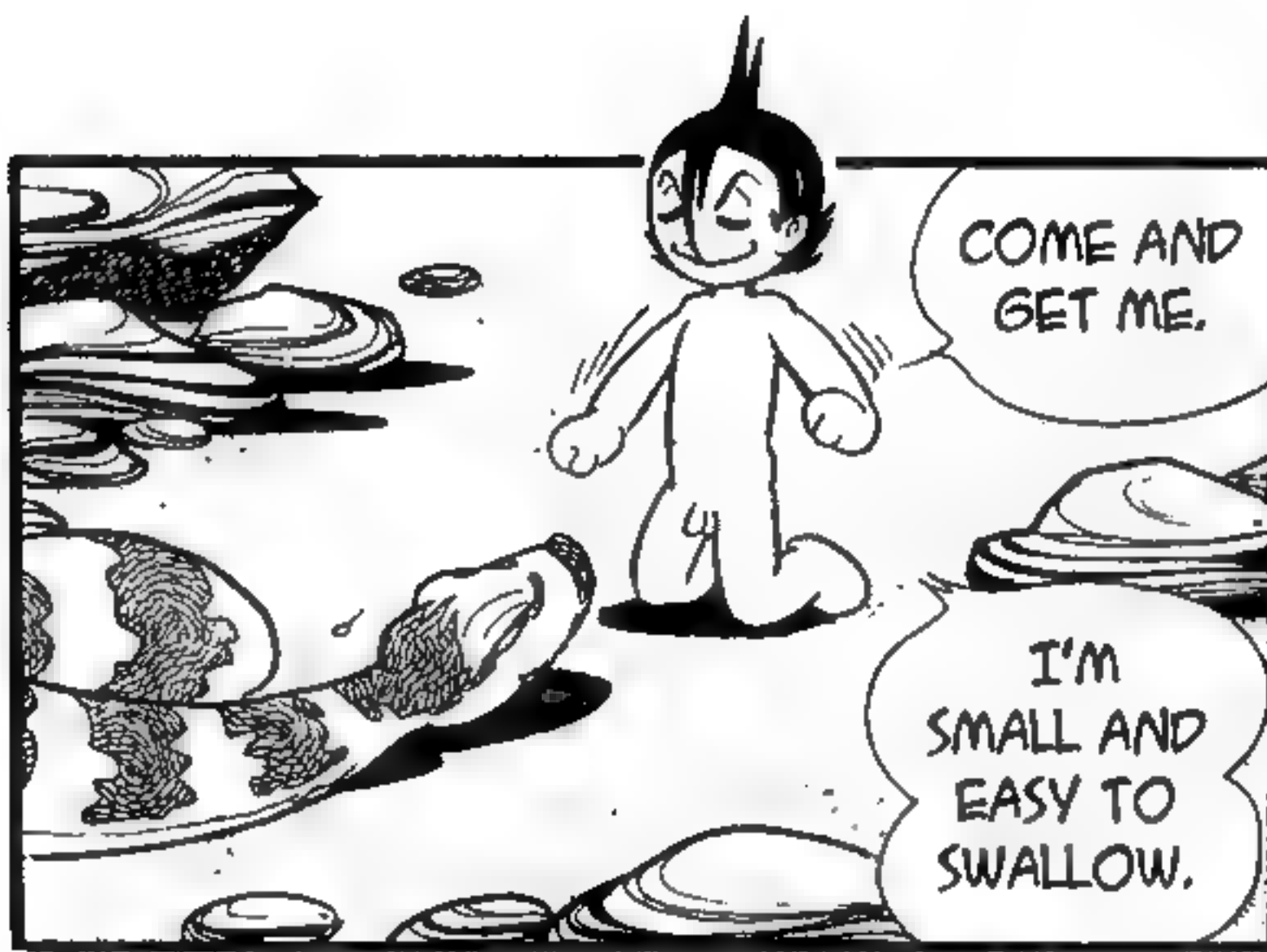


WELL, I'M THE BEST
CHOICE. MOTHER'S
SEARCHING FOR
CHAPRA, AND IT
WOULDN'T BE COOL
FOR A MONK TO
GET EATEN BY
A SNAKE!

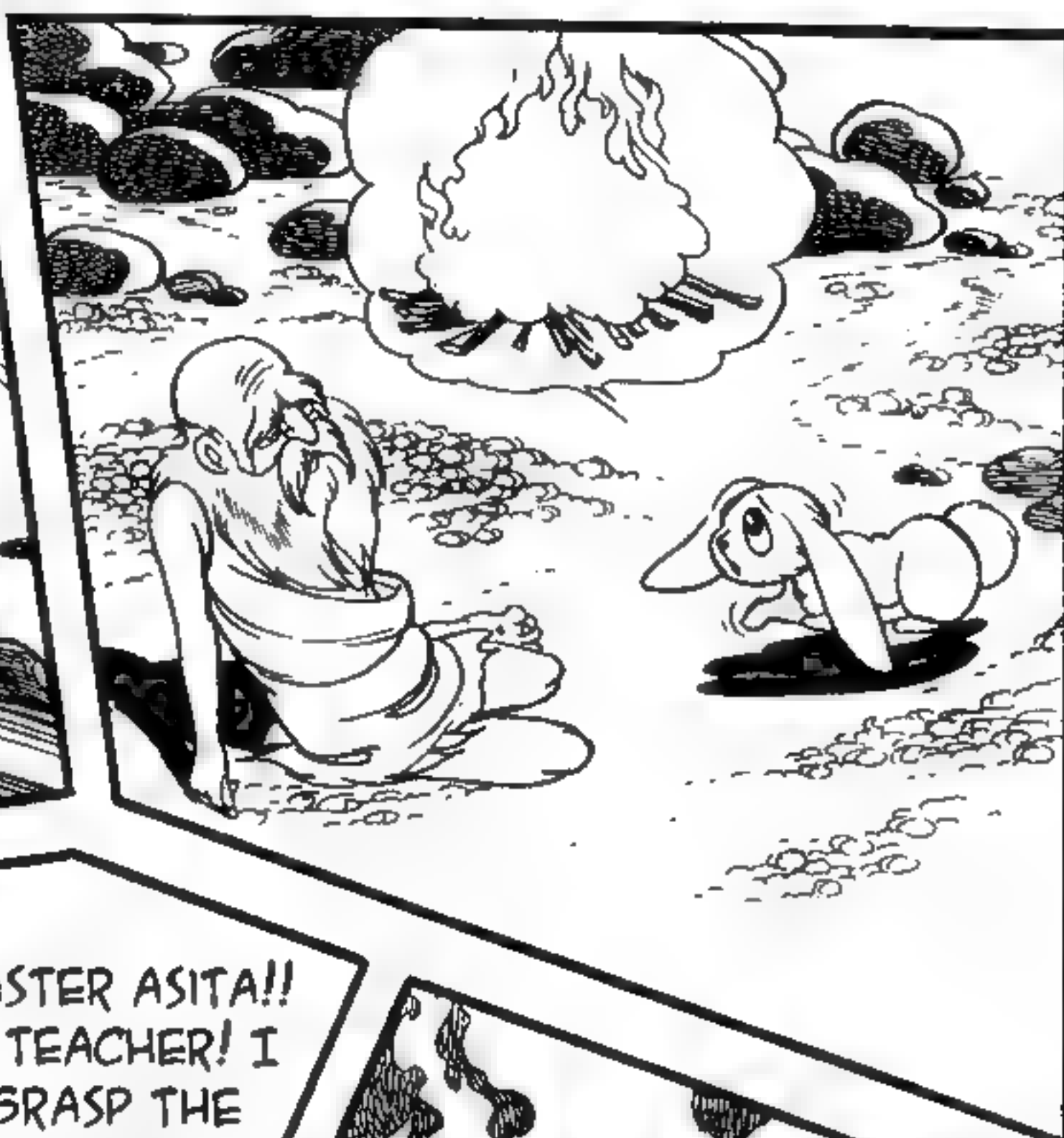
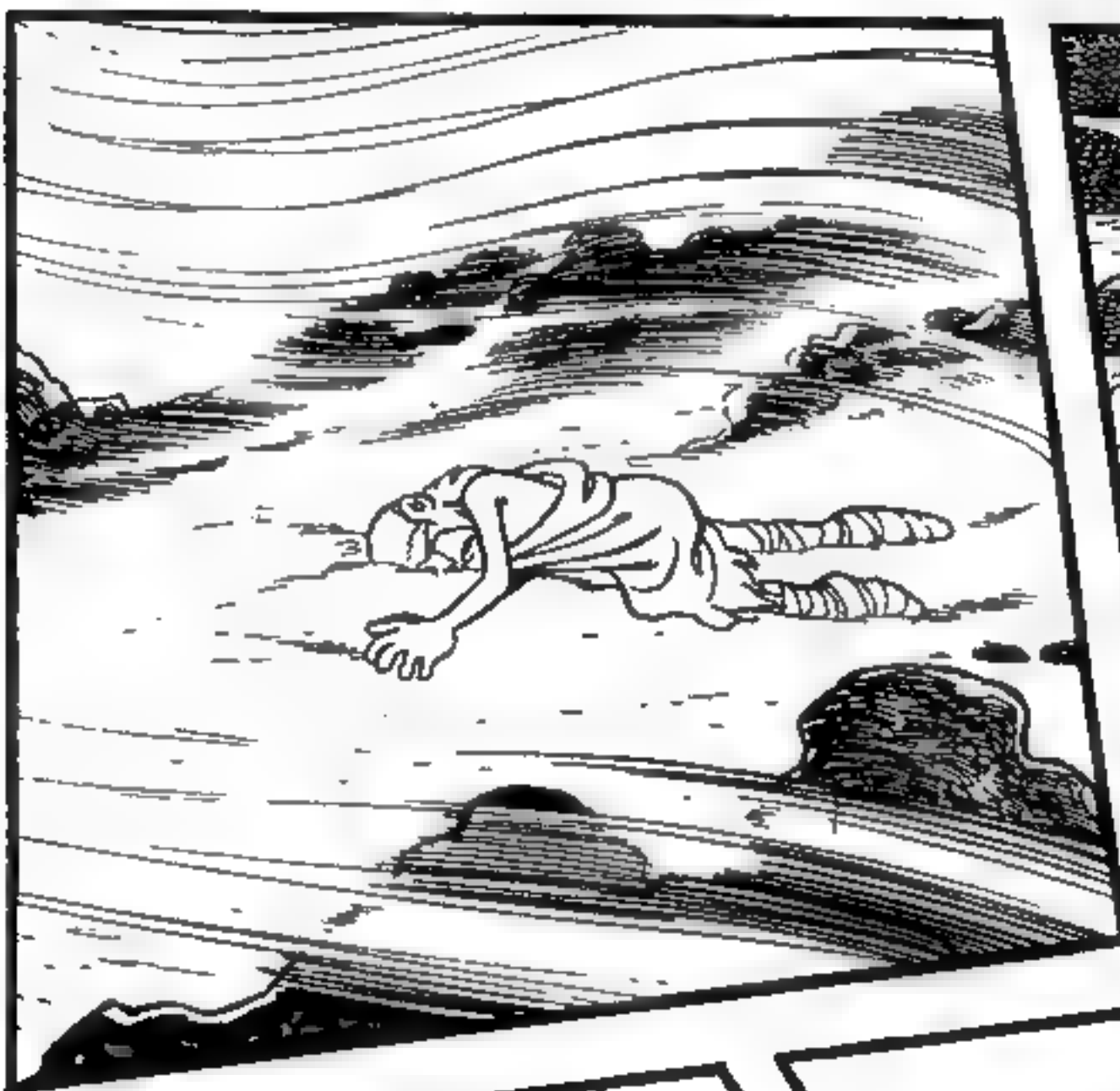


BYE-BYE
NOW...
TAKE CARE,
MOMS.

SAY HI
TO BRO
WHEN YOU
SEE HIM.







MASTER ASITA!!
O TEACHER! I
GRASP THE
MEANING
OF YOUR
TALE!



MASTER ASITA!
THIS CHILD
HAS SHOWN
ME THE
WAY!

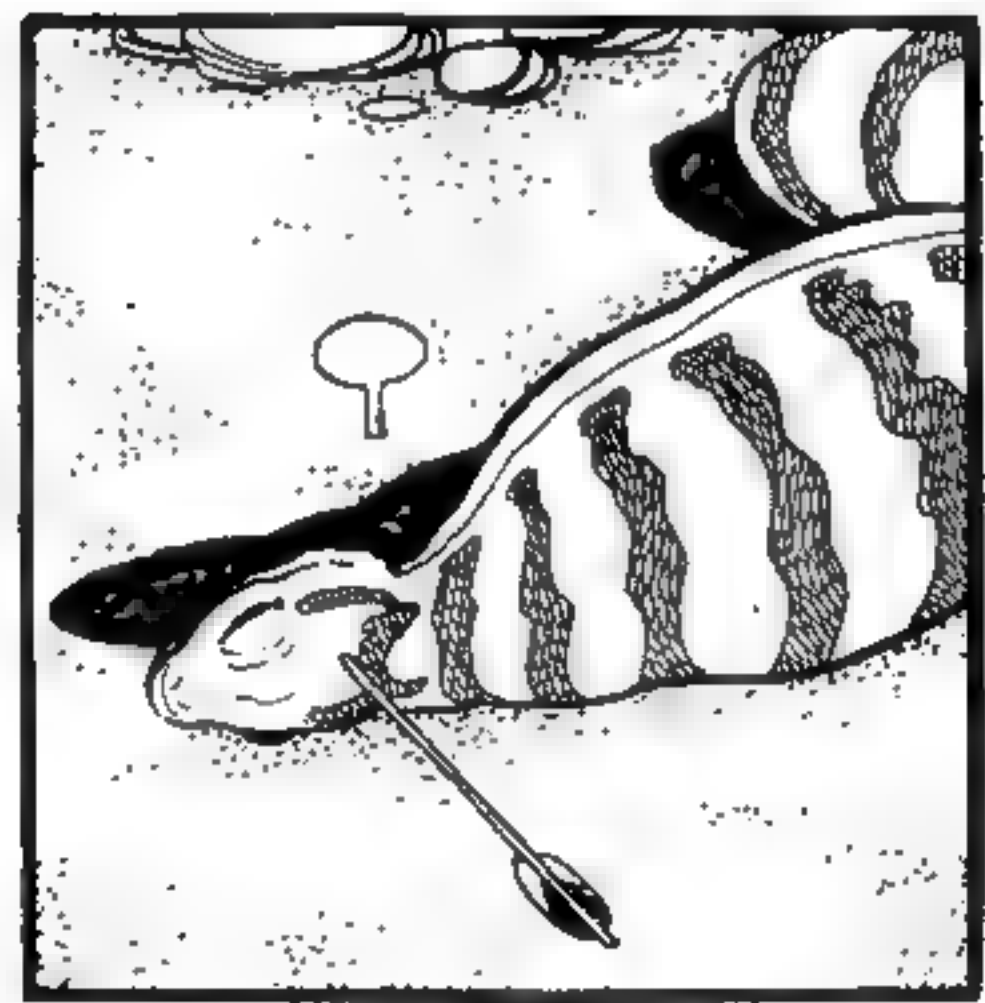
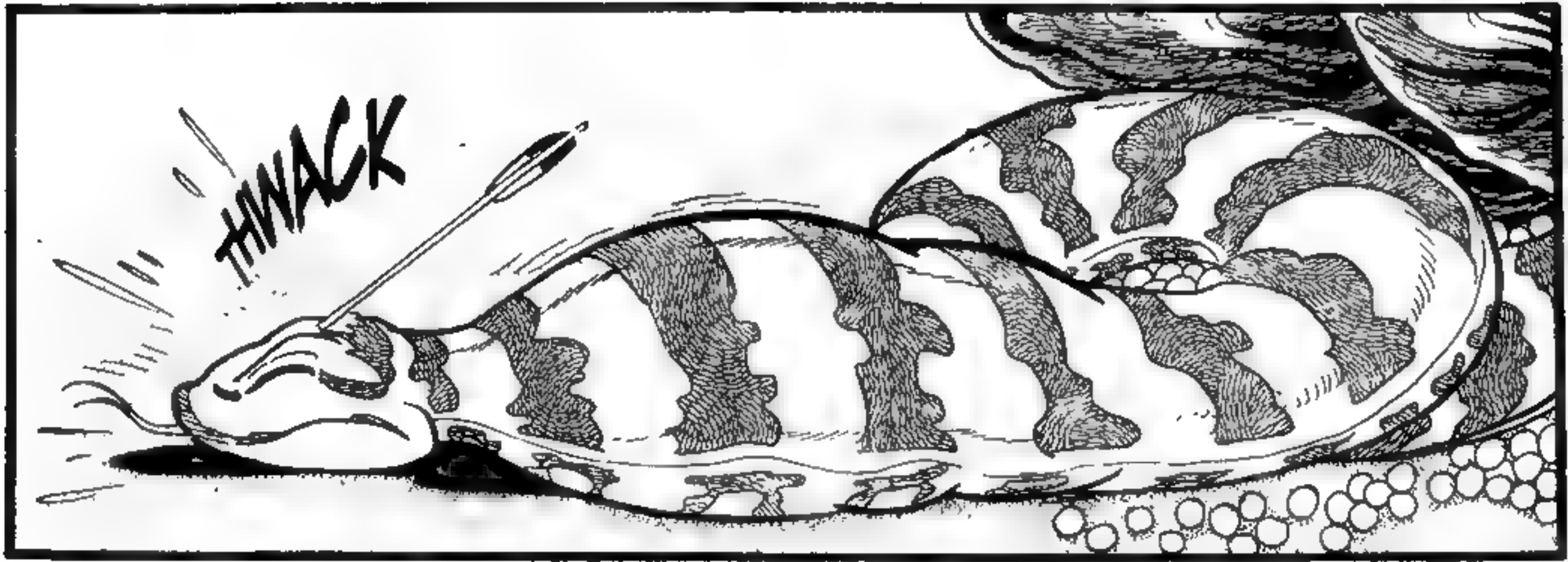
UNTIL NOW,
I'VE CONSIDERED
ONLY THE HUMAN
WORLD. THAT IS WHY
I COULD NOT
UNDERSTAND WHY A
RABBIT SACRIFICED
ITSELF TO SAVE
A HUMAN...



IN NATURE, HUMANS AND
BEASTS, EVEN SNAKES, ARE ALL KIN.

HELPING EACH OTHER IS
THE LAW OF THE LIVING.

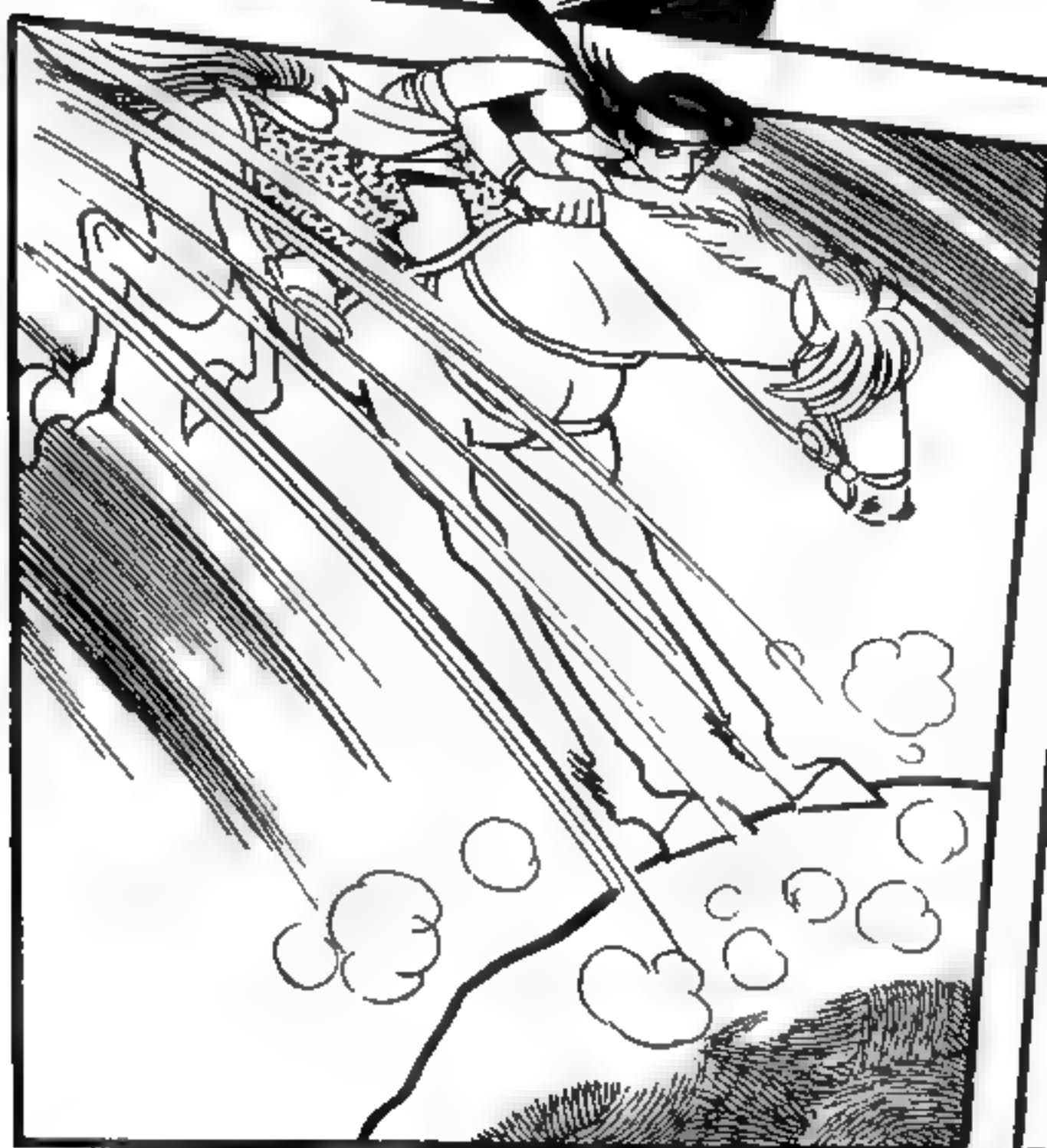
NOW I SEE THAT,
THROUGH THIS CHILD'S ACT.



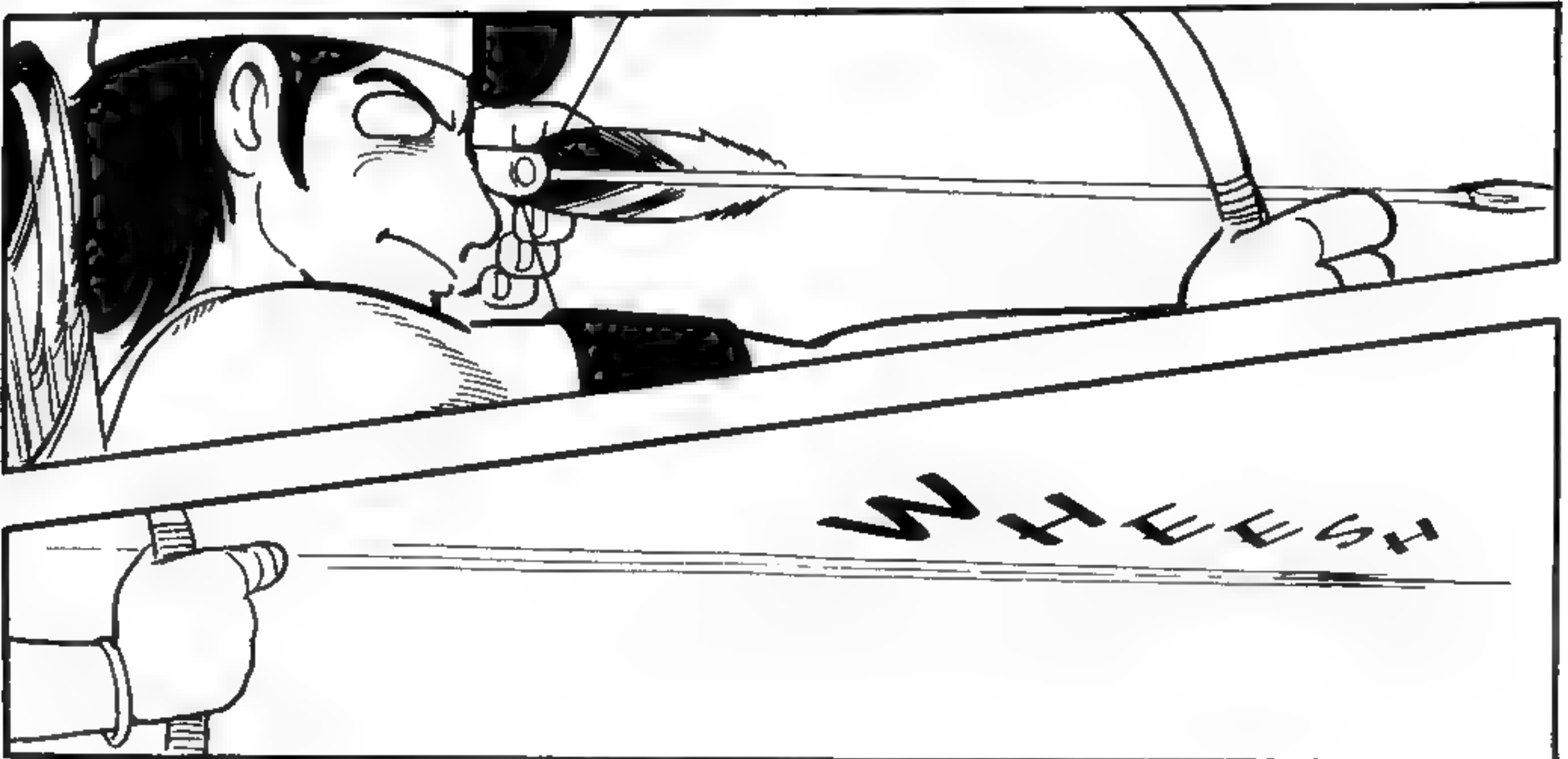
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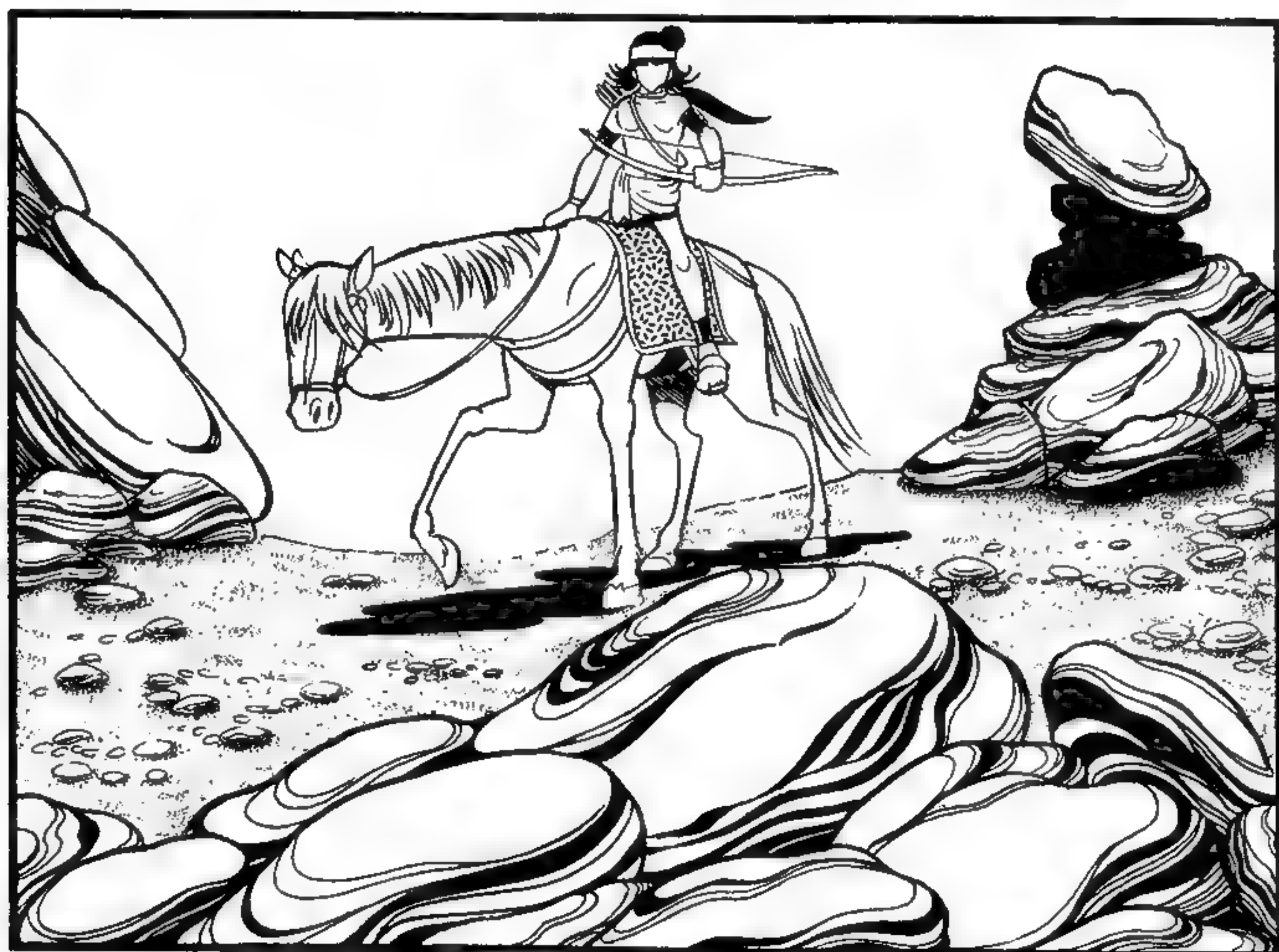
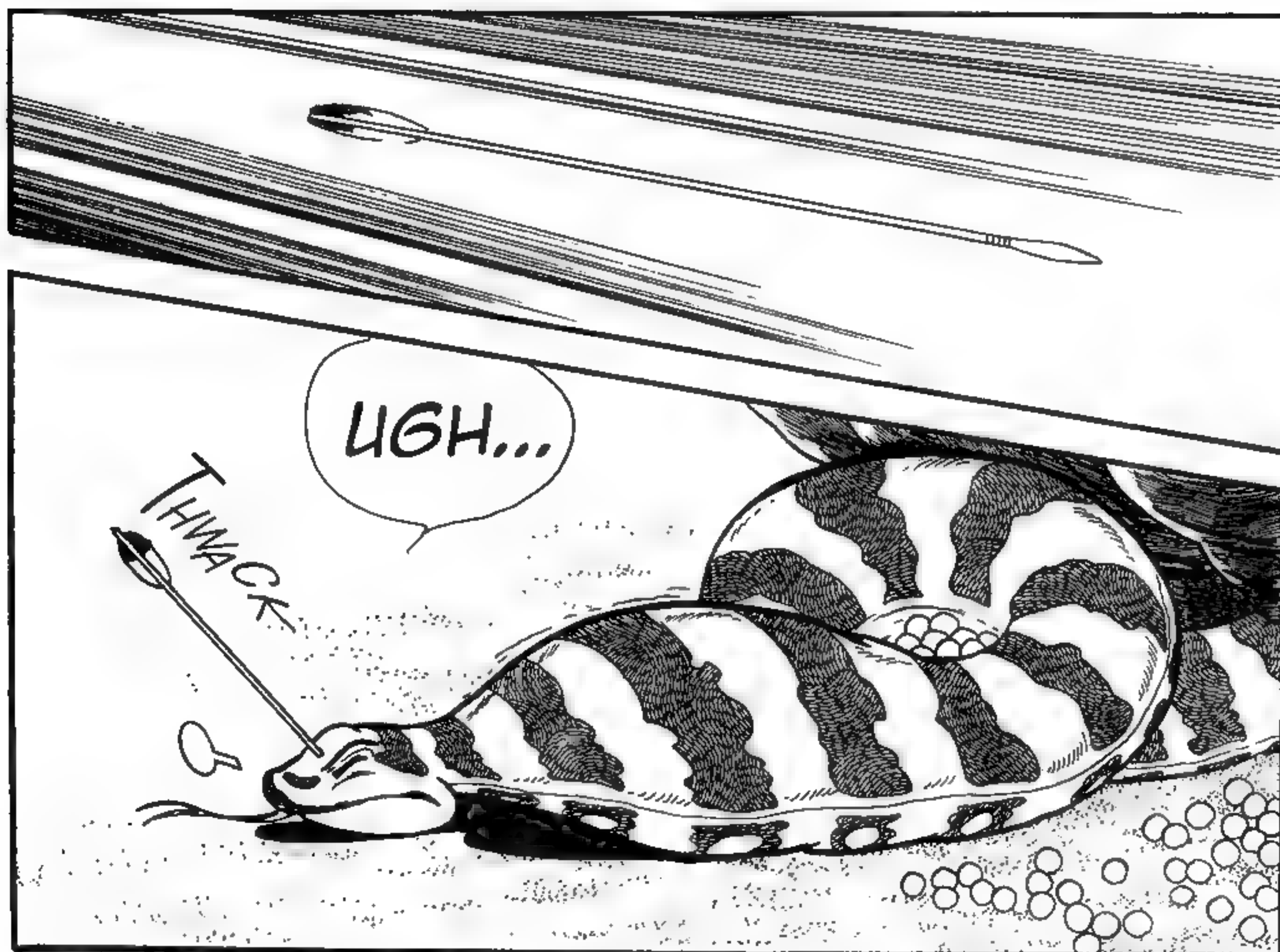
THE KING'S CUP

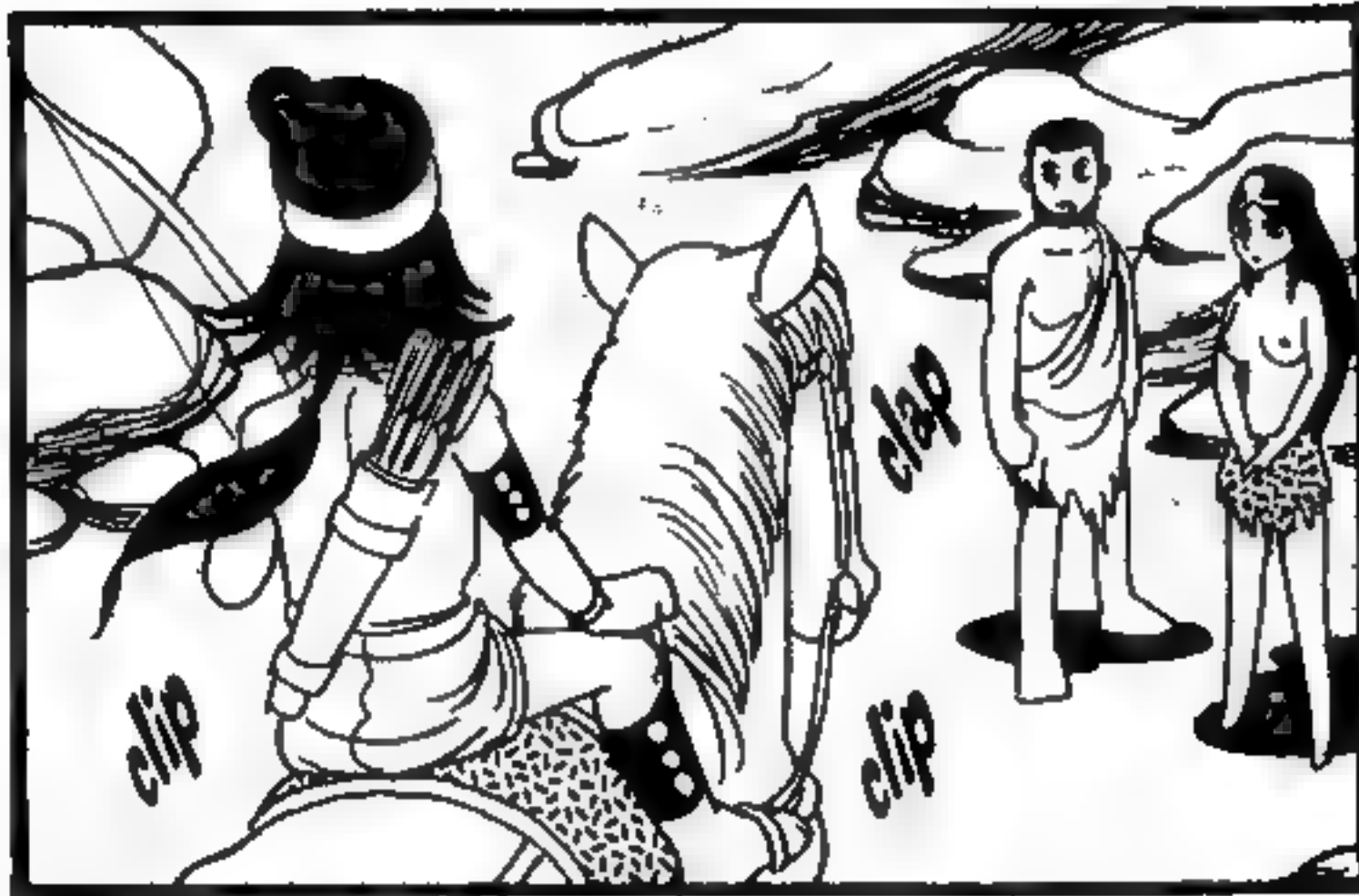


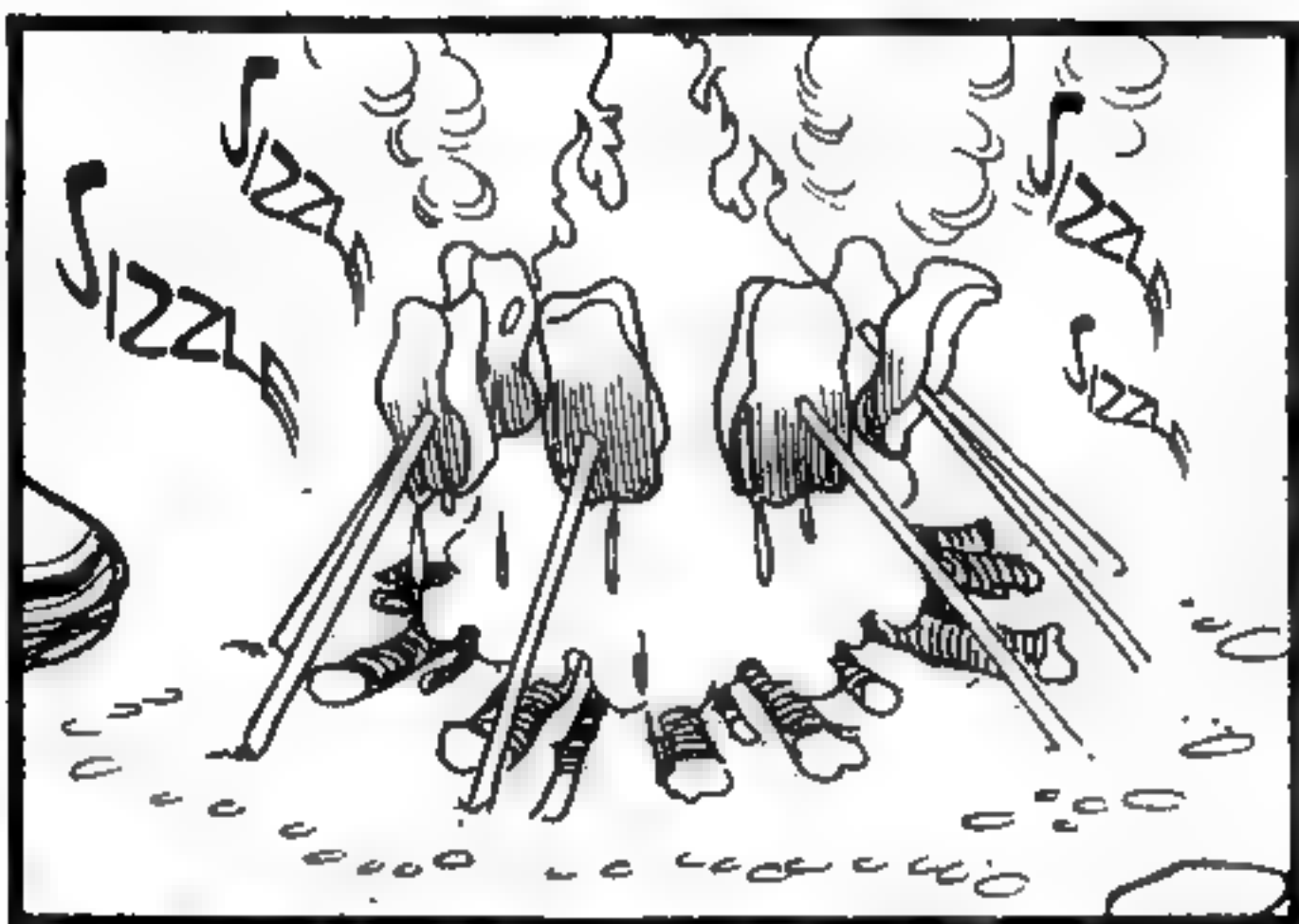


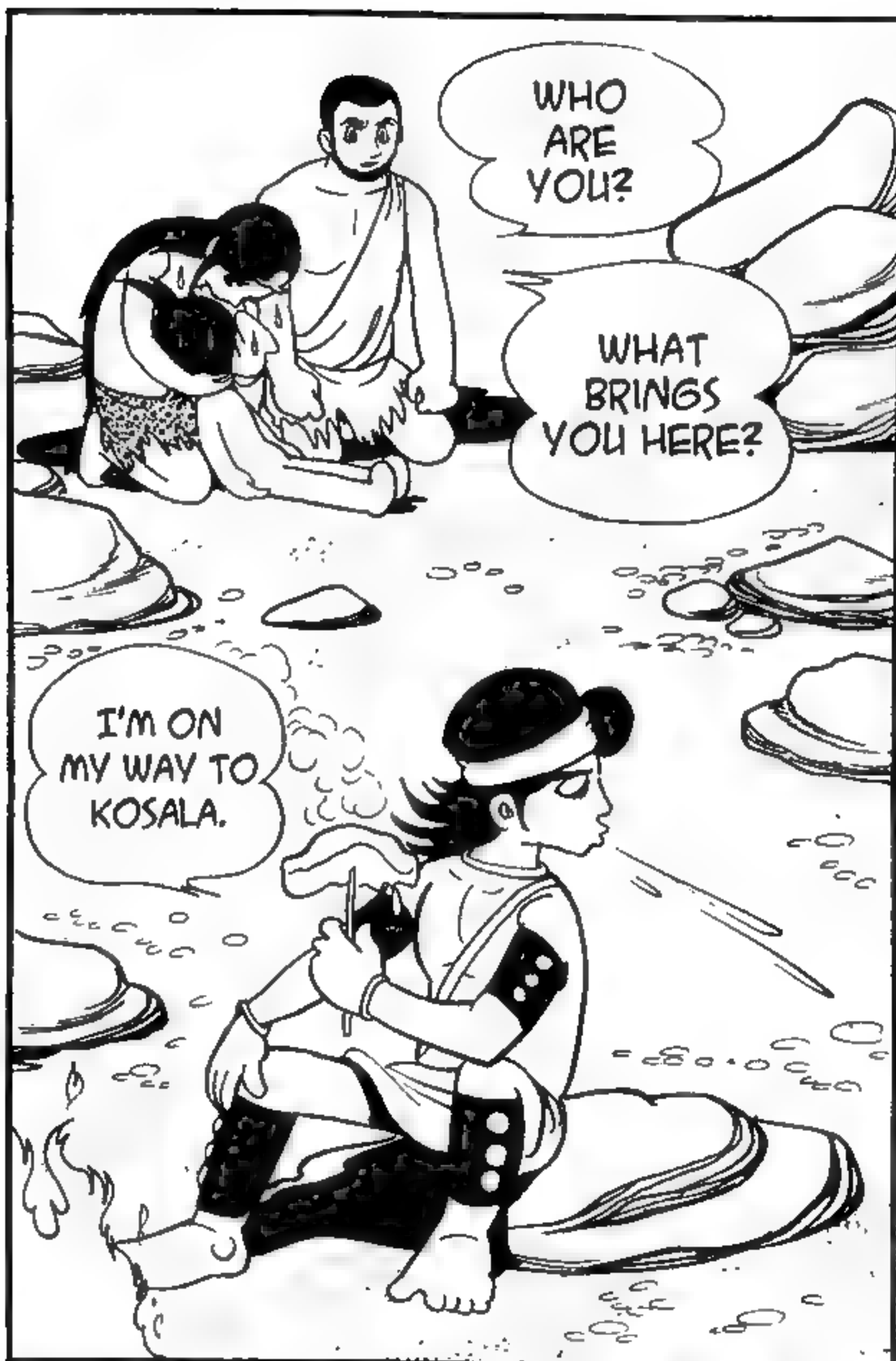


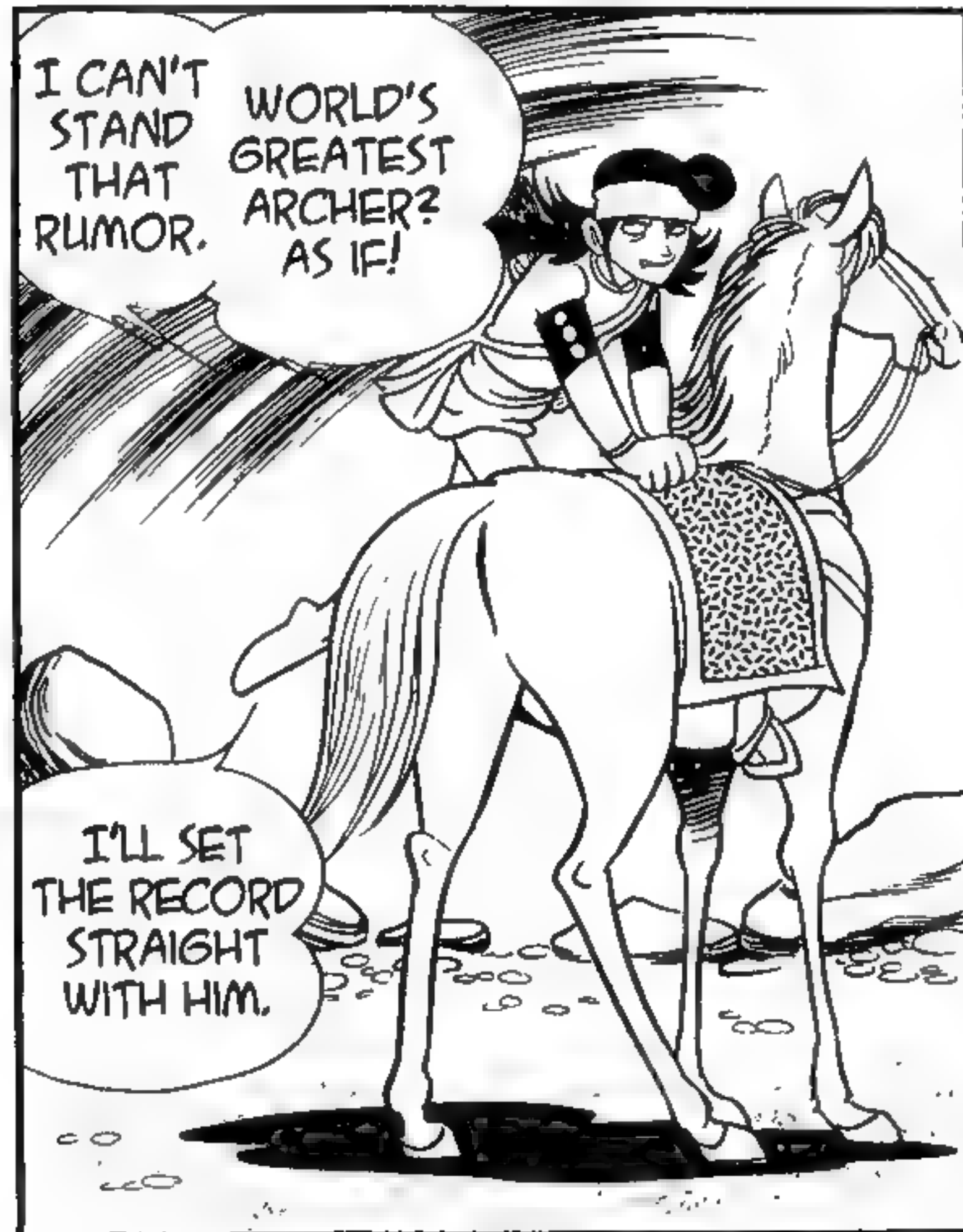
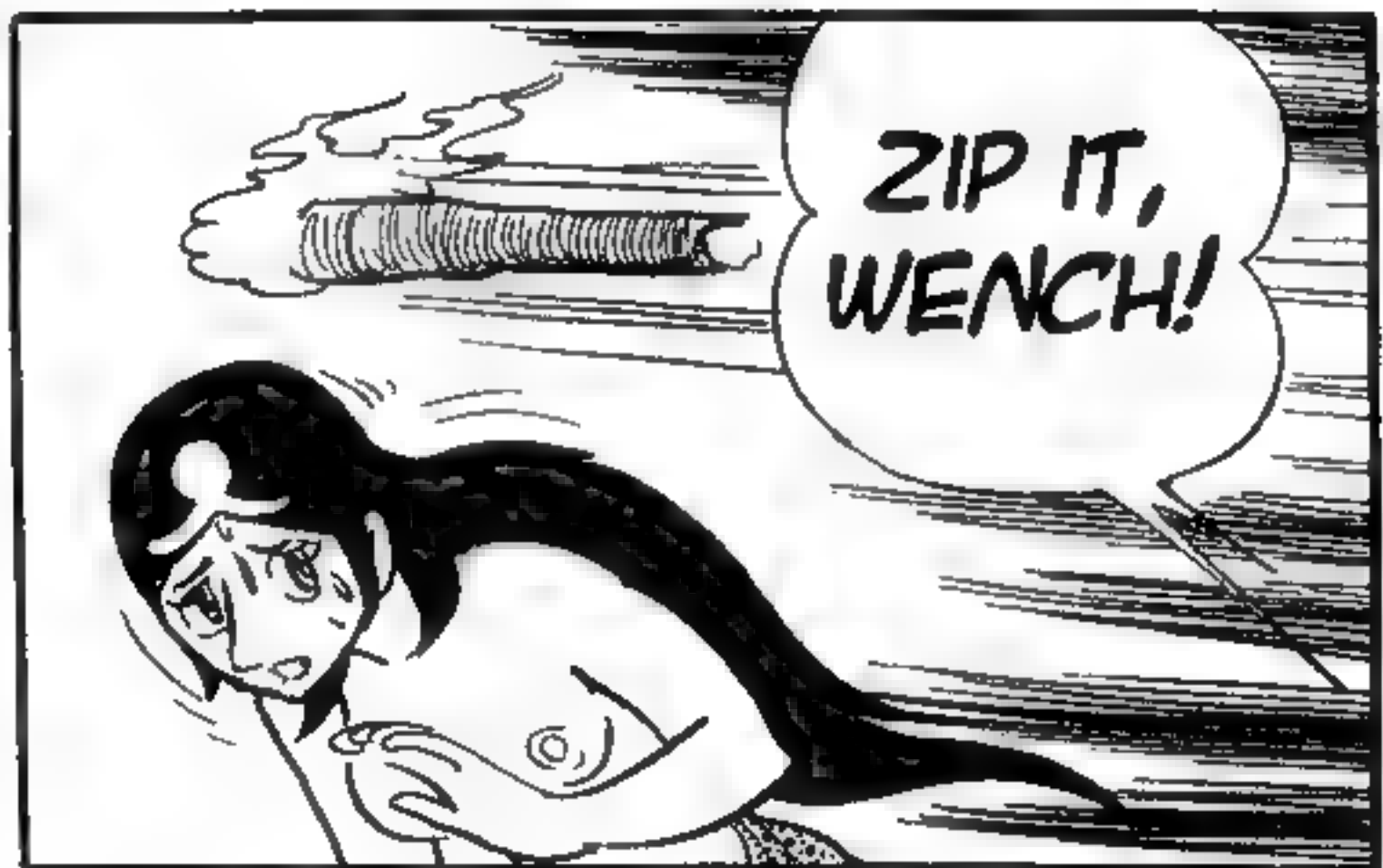


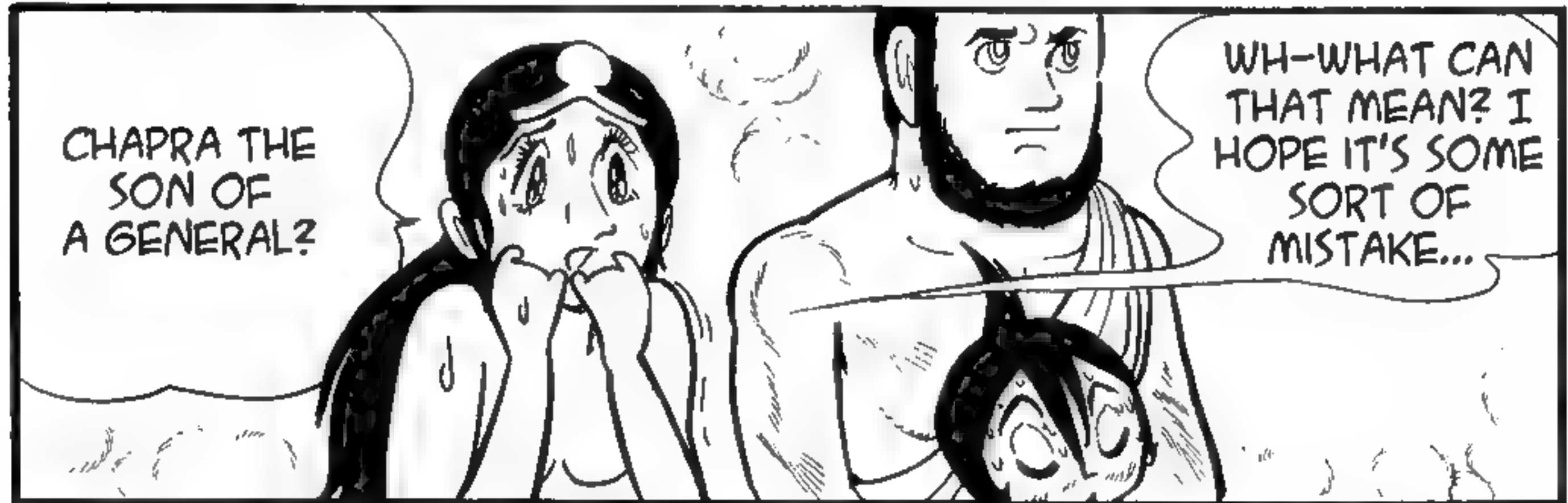






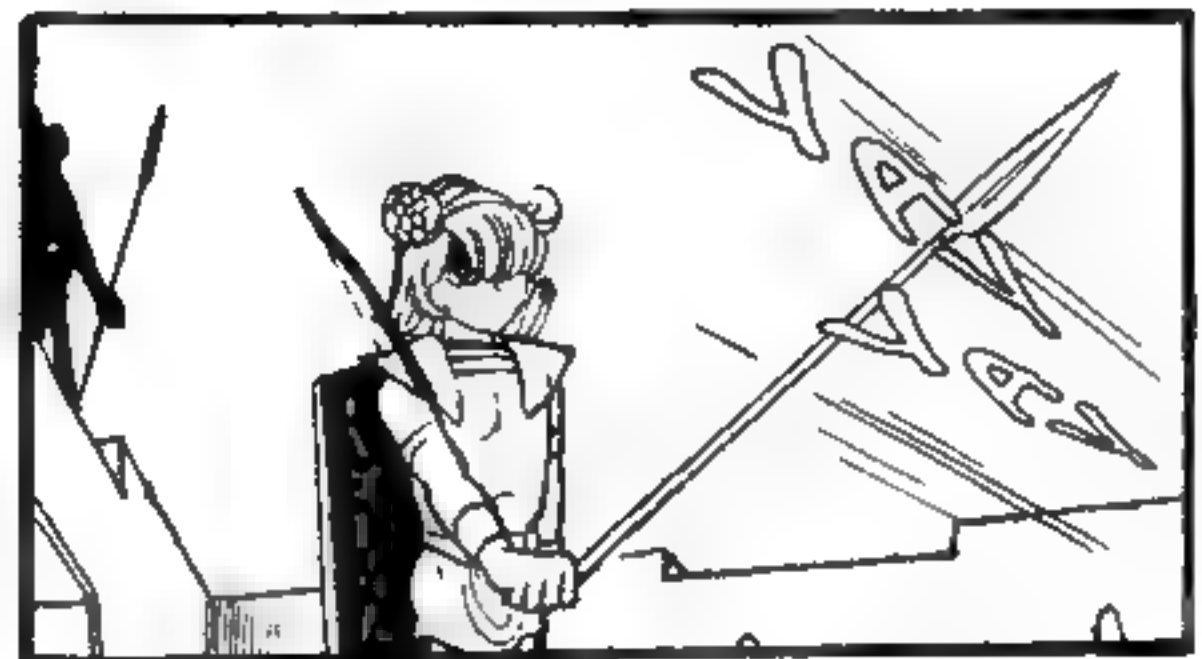
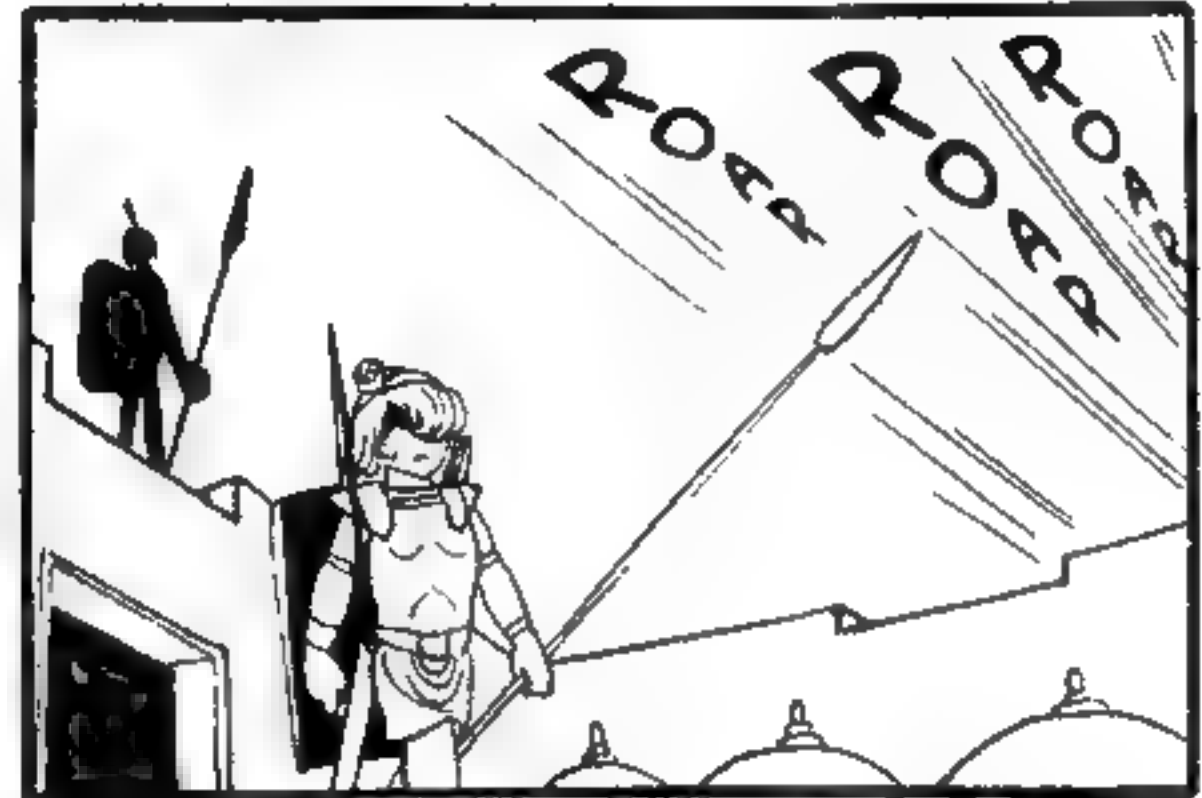
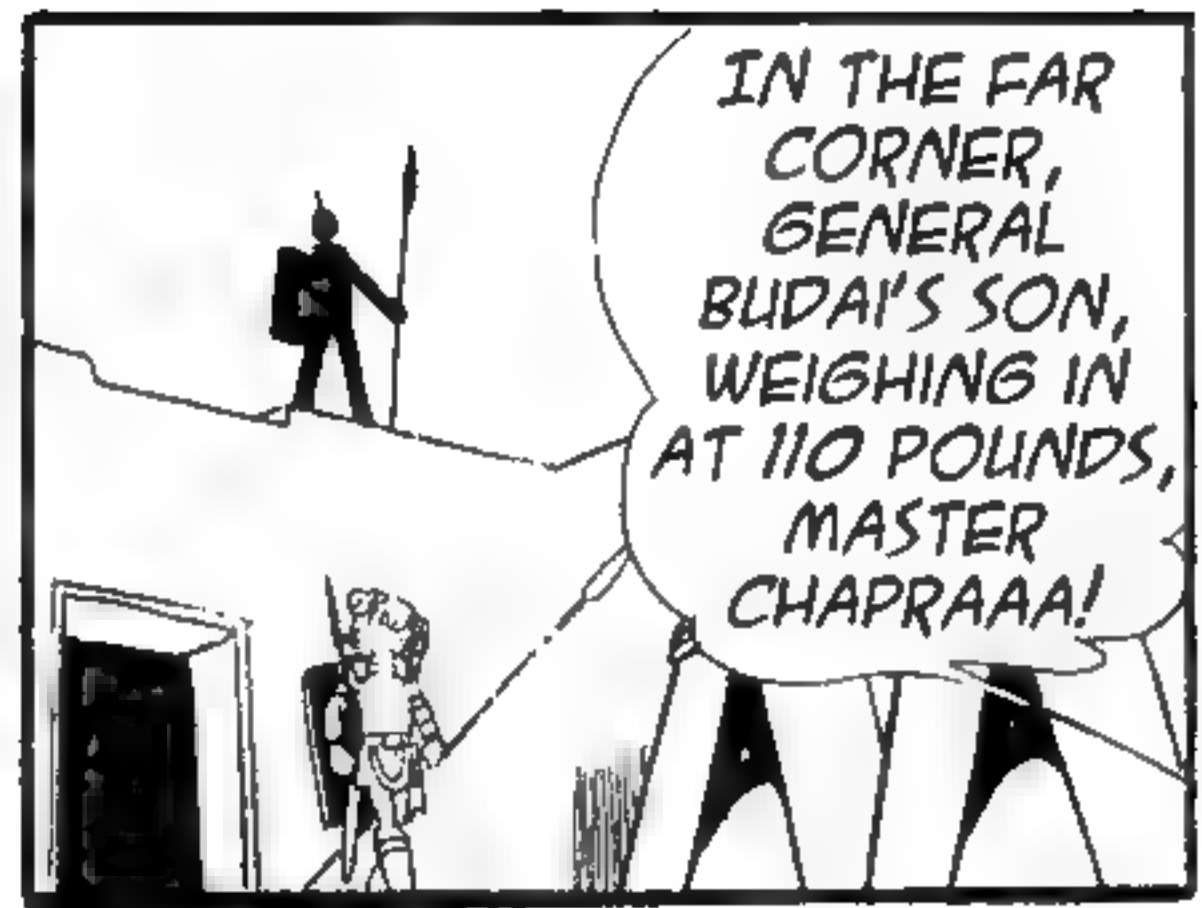


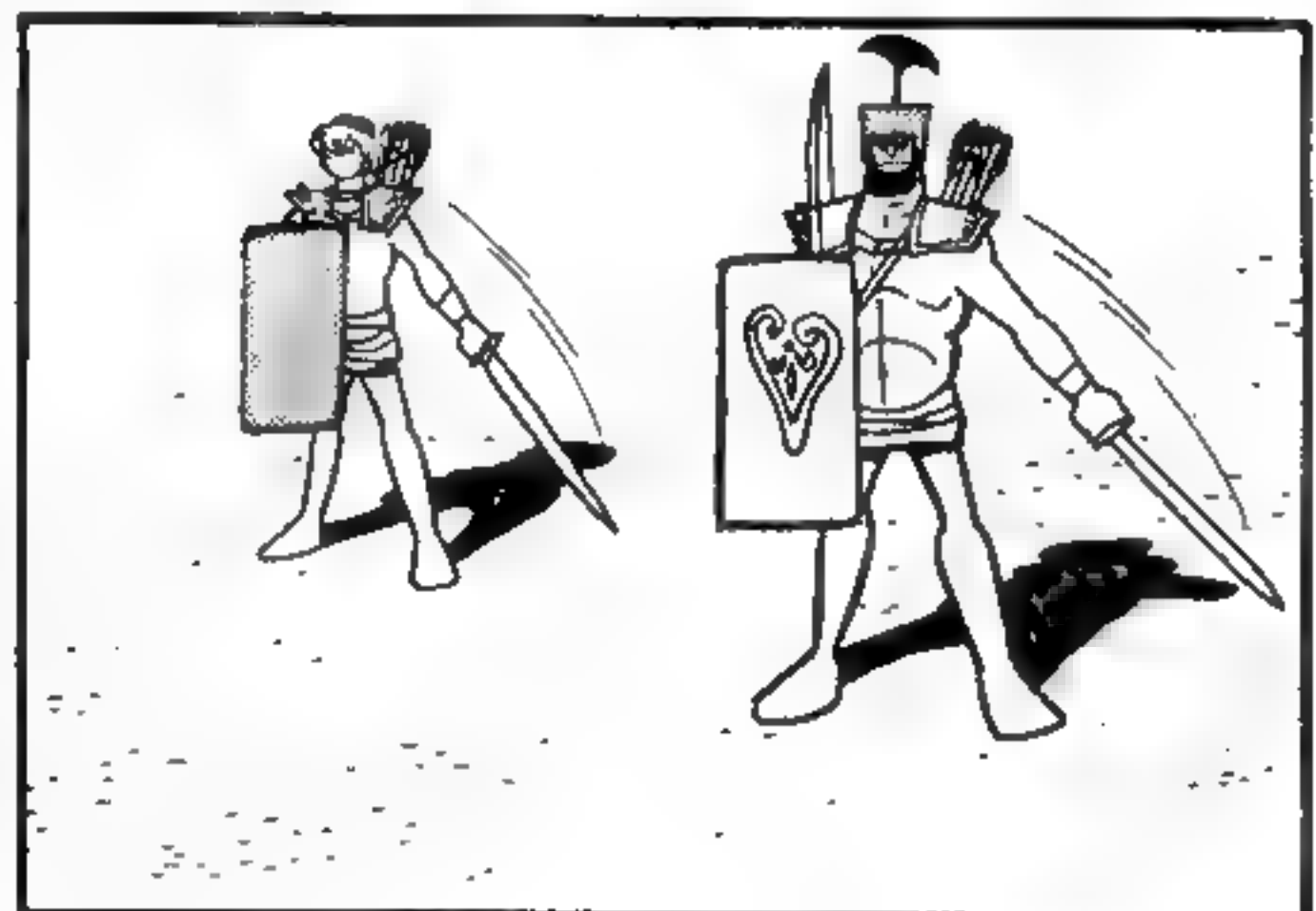
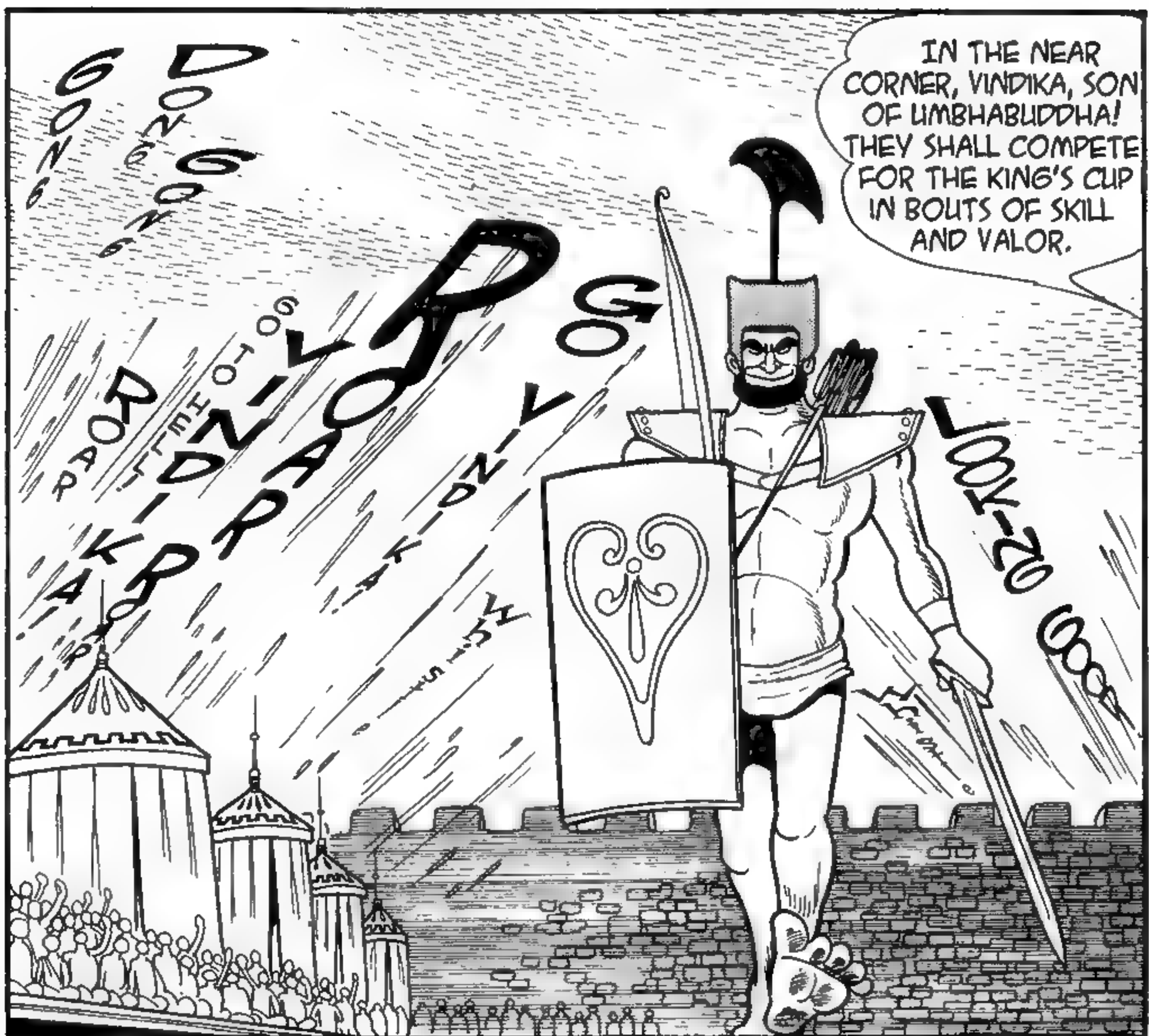


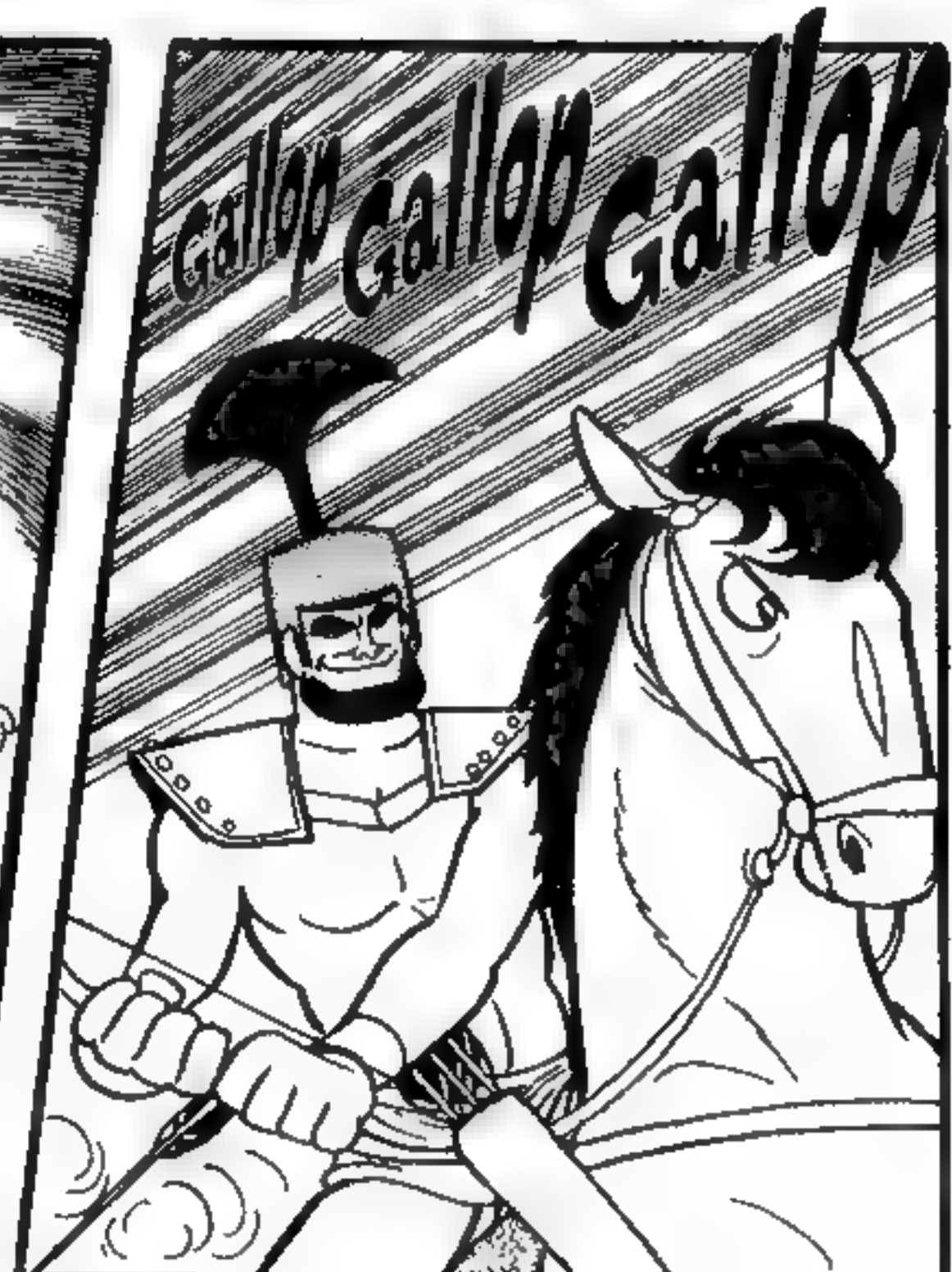
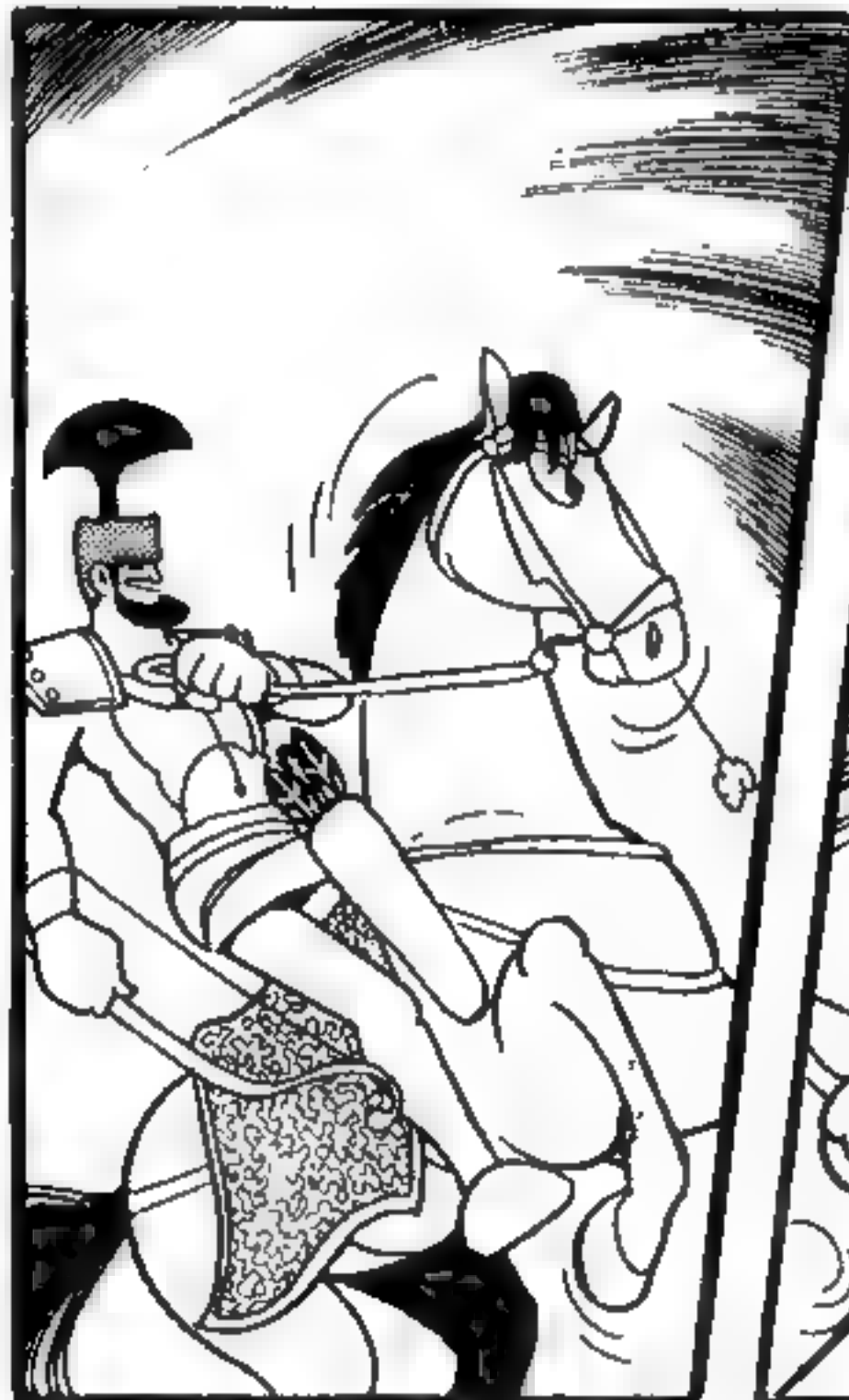
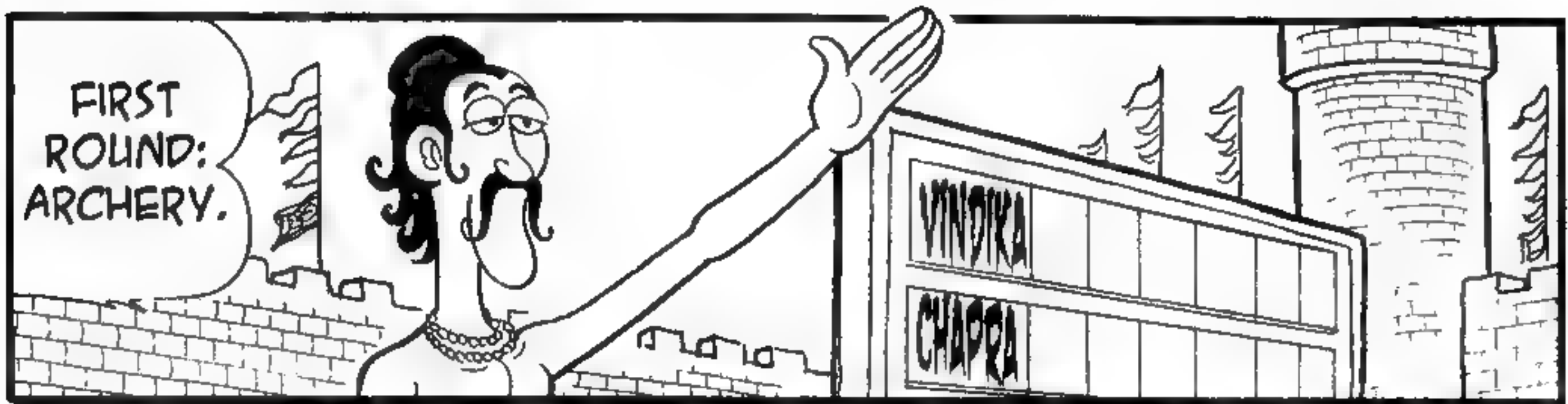
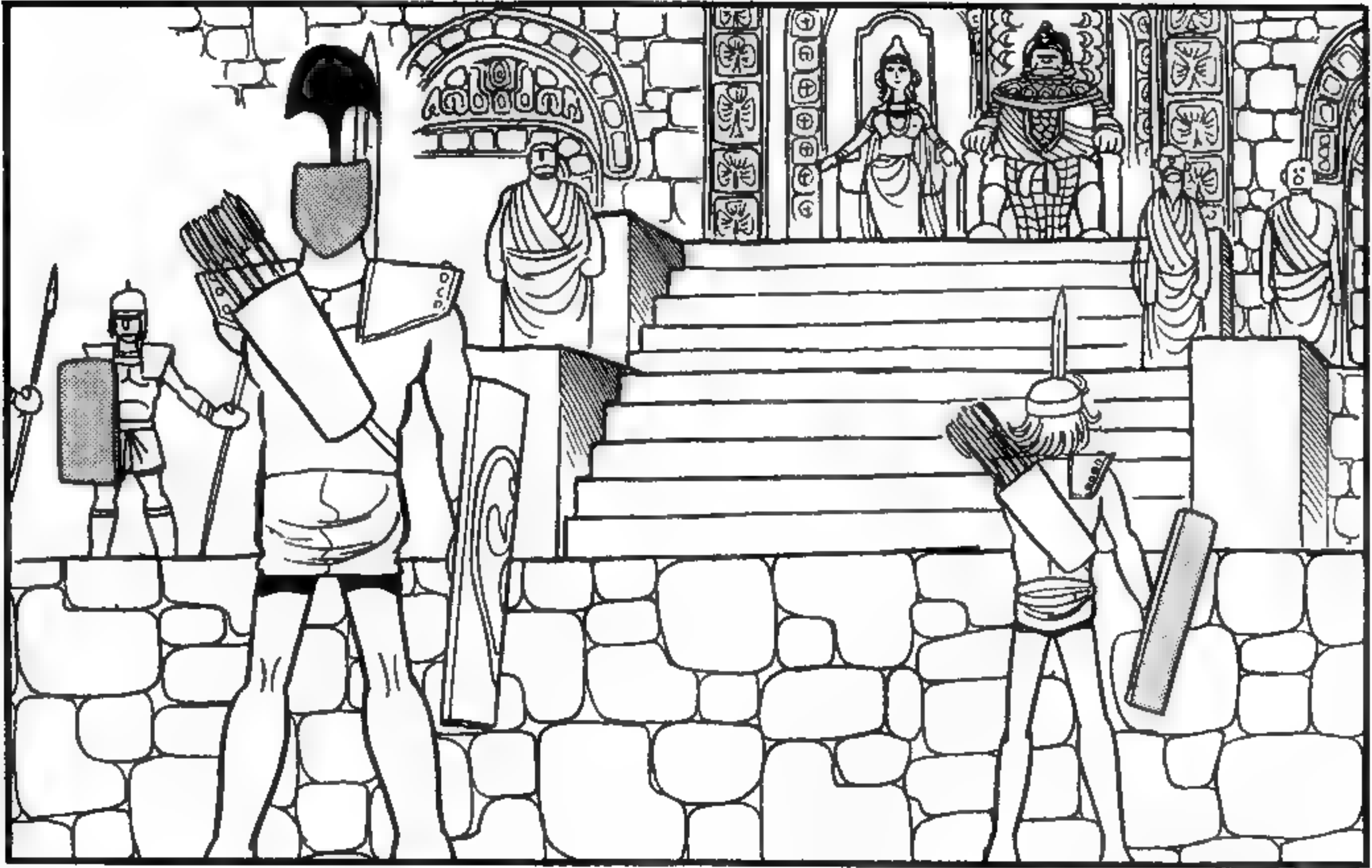


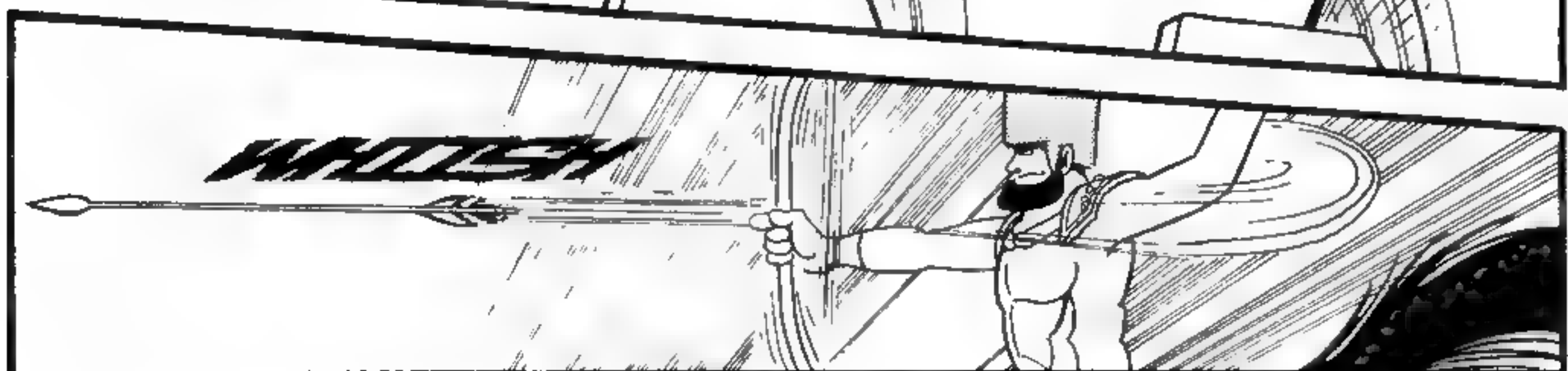
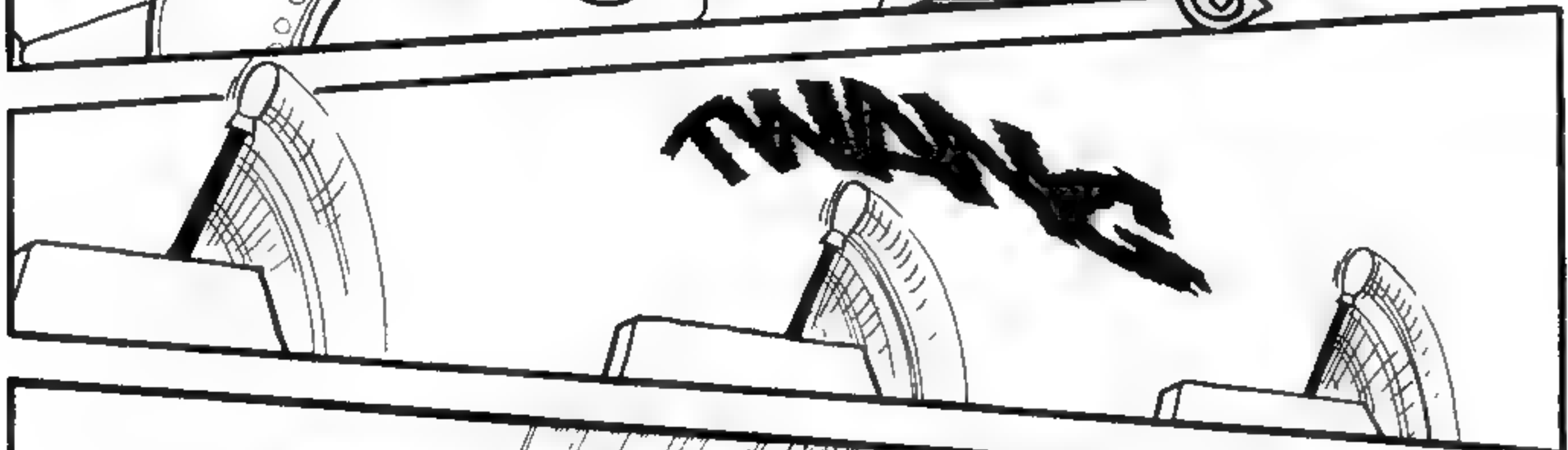
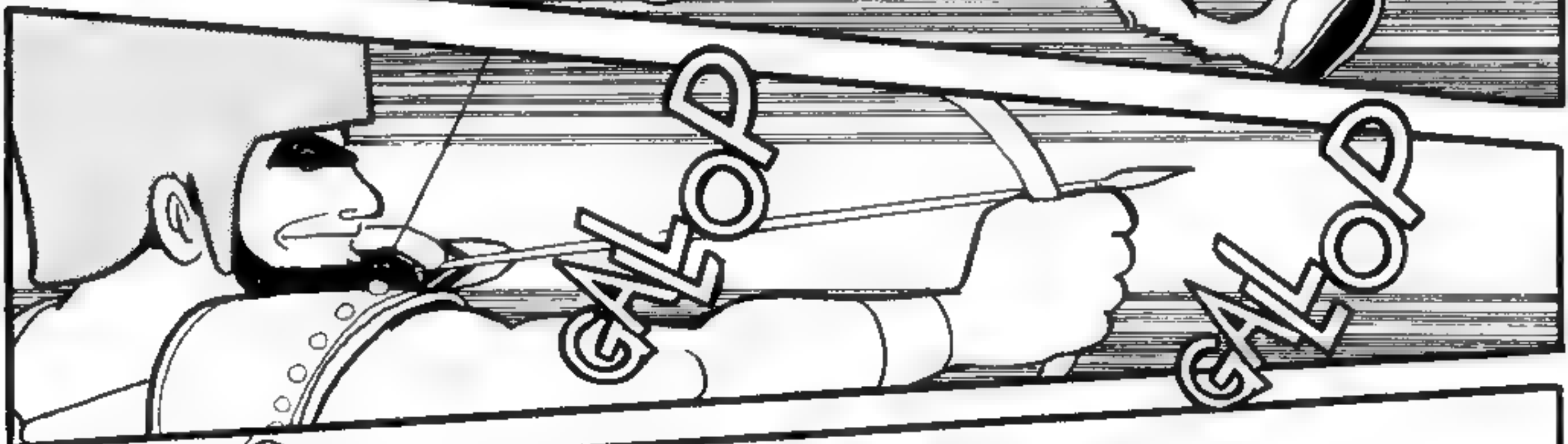
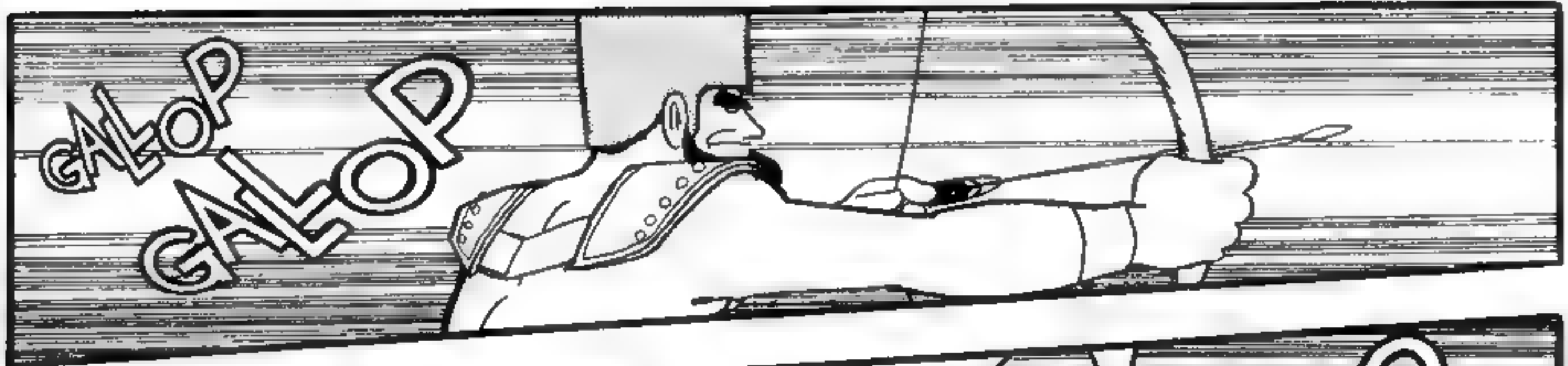
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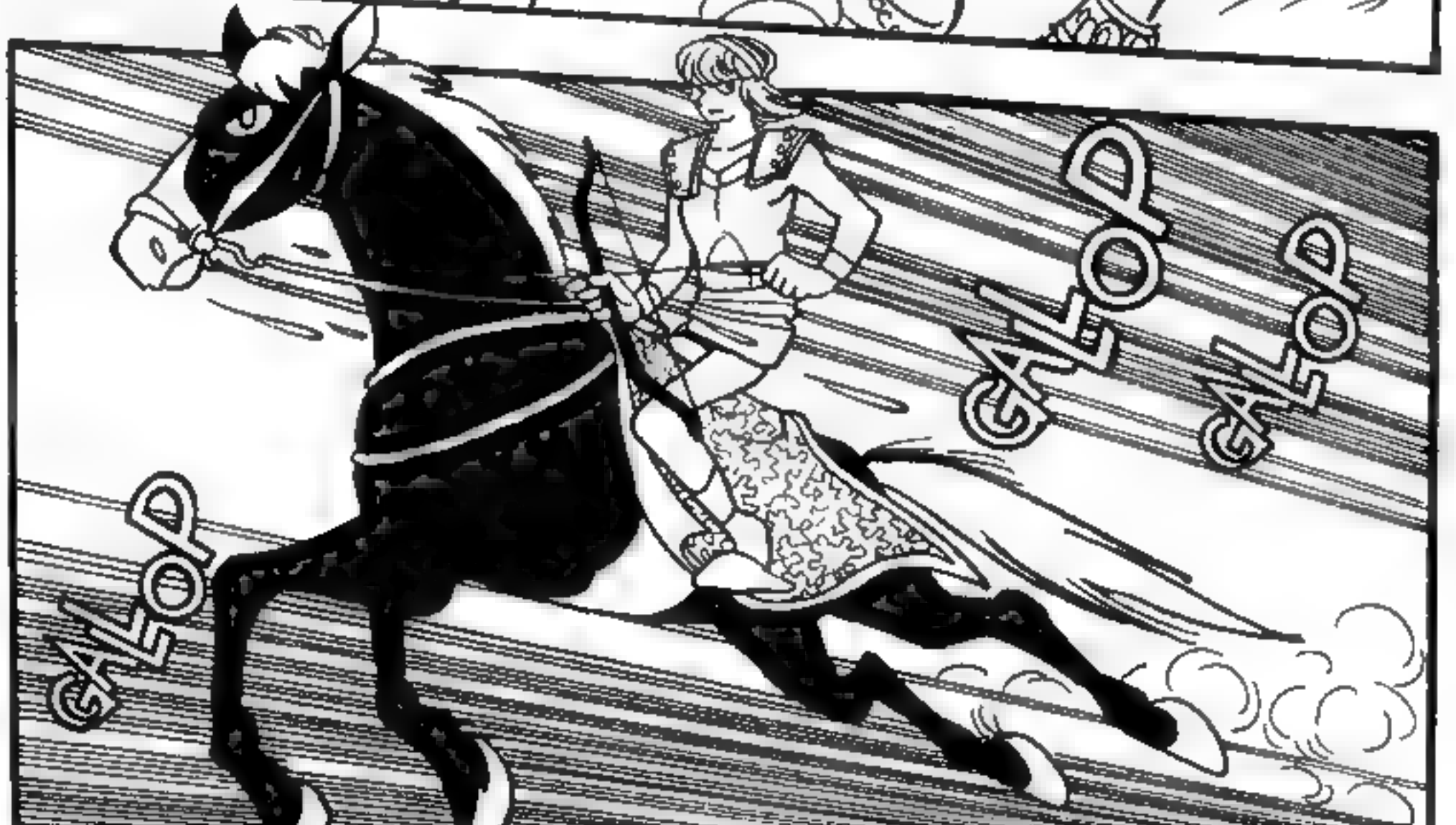
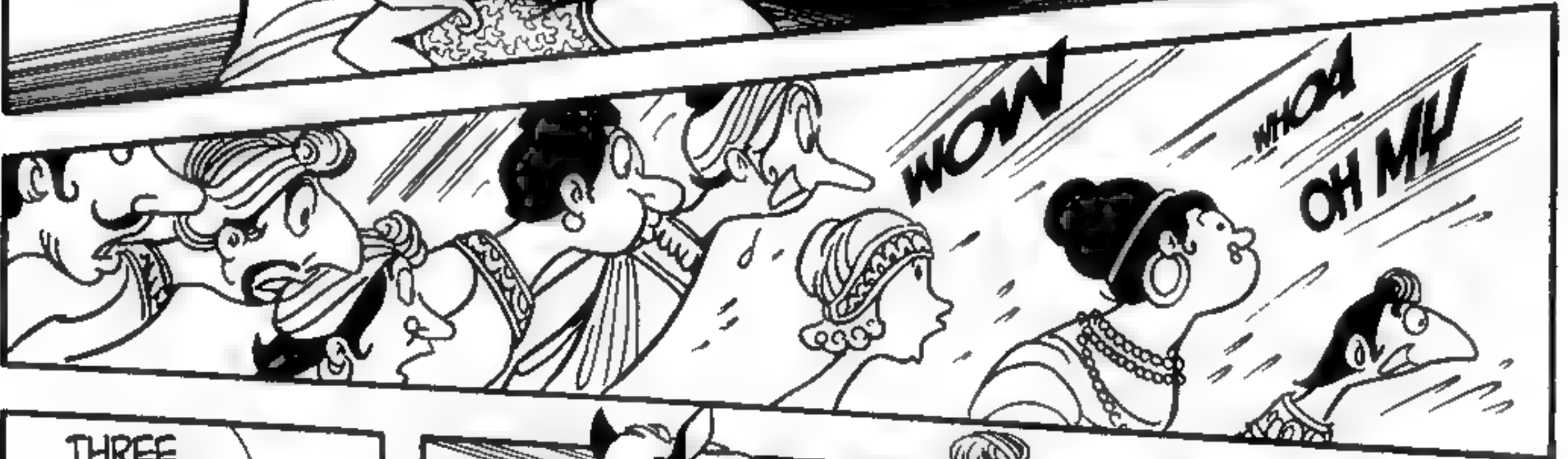
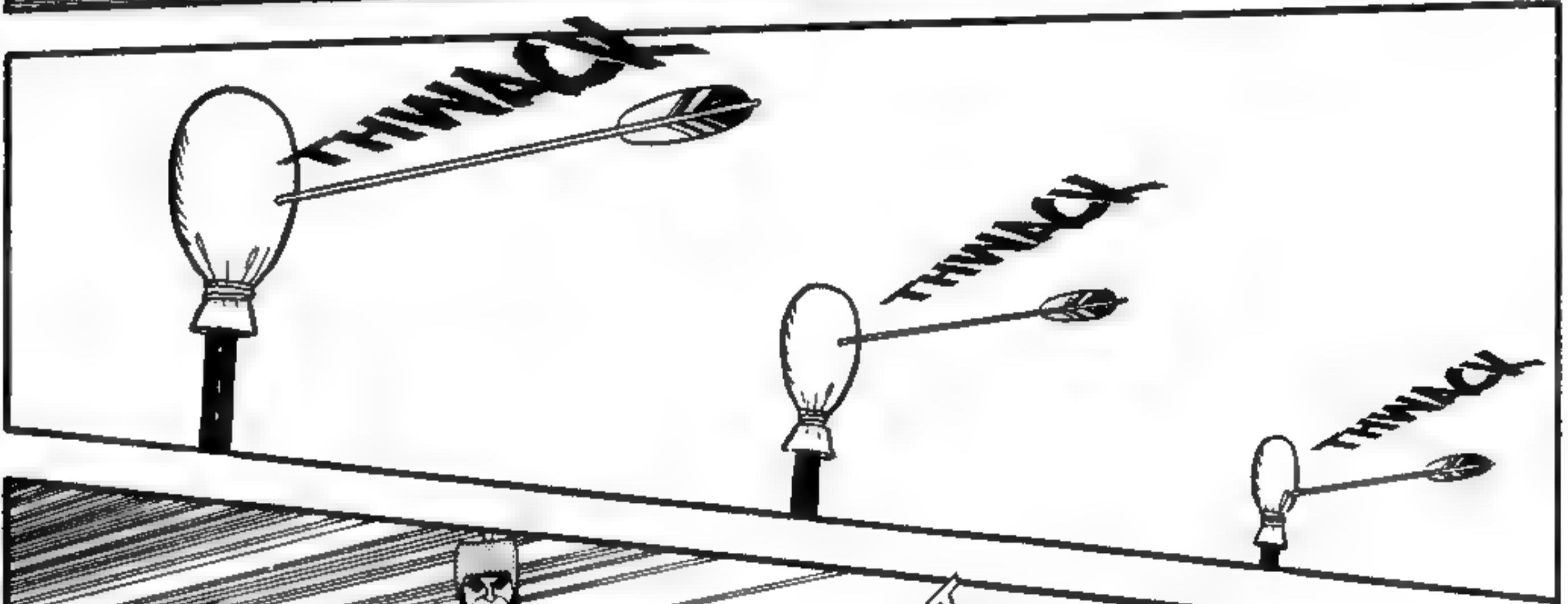
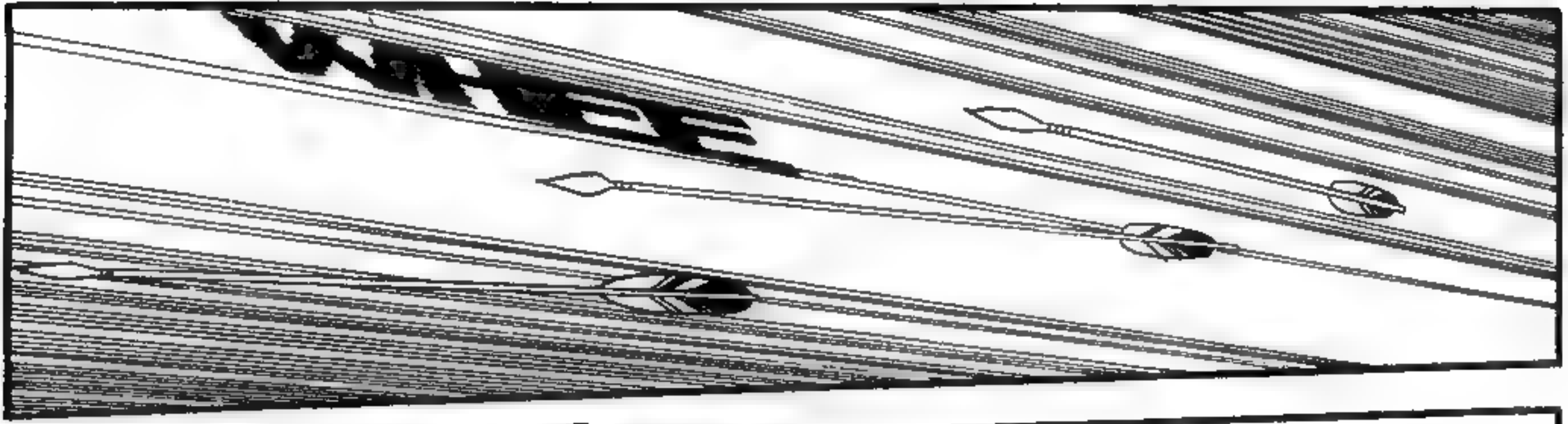


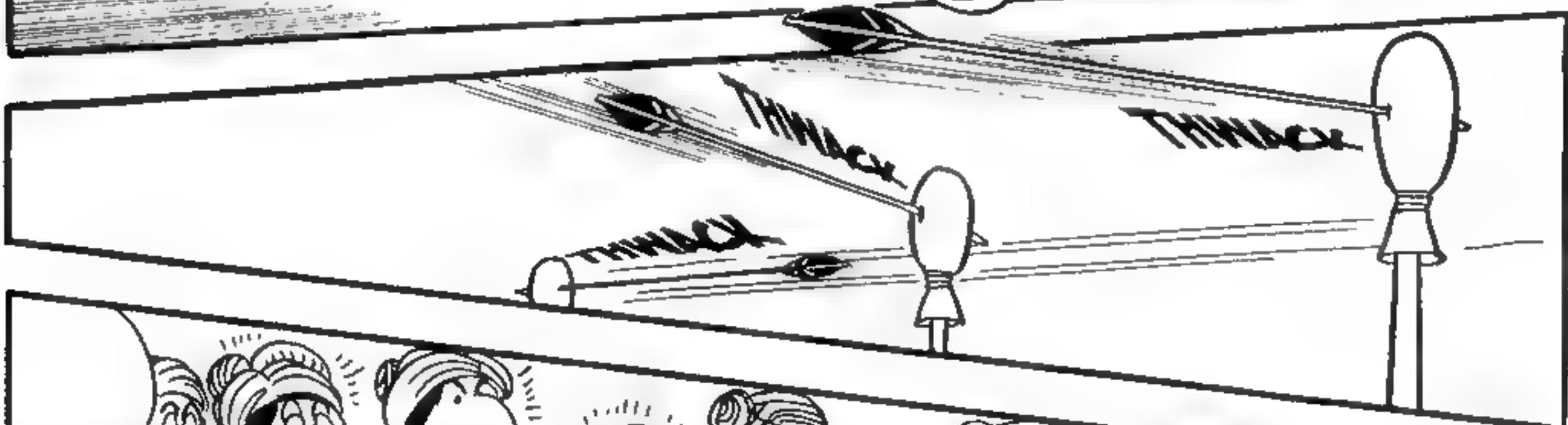
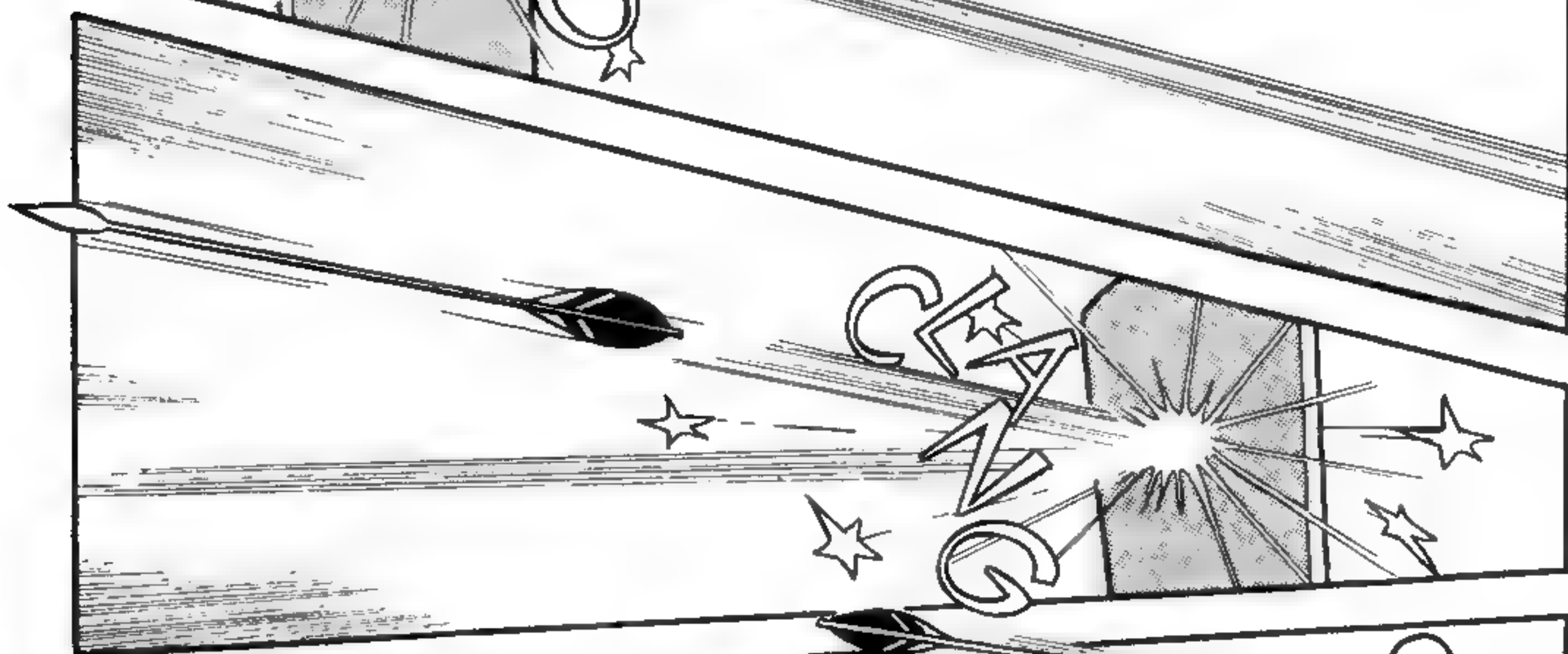
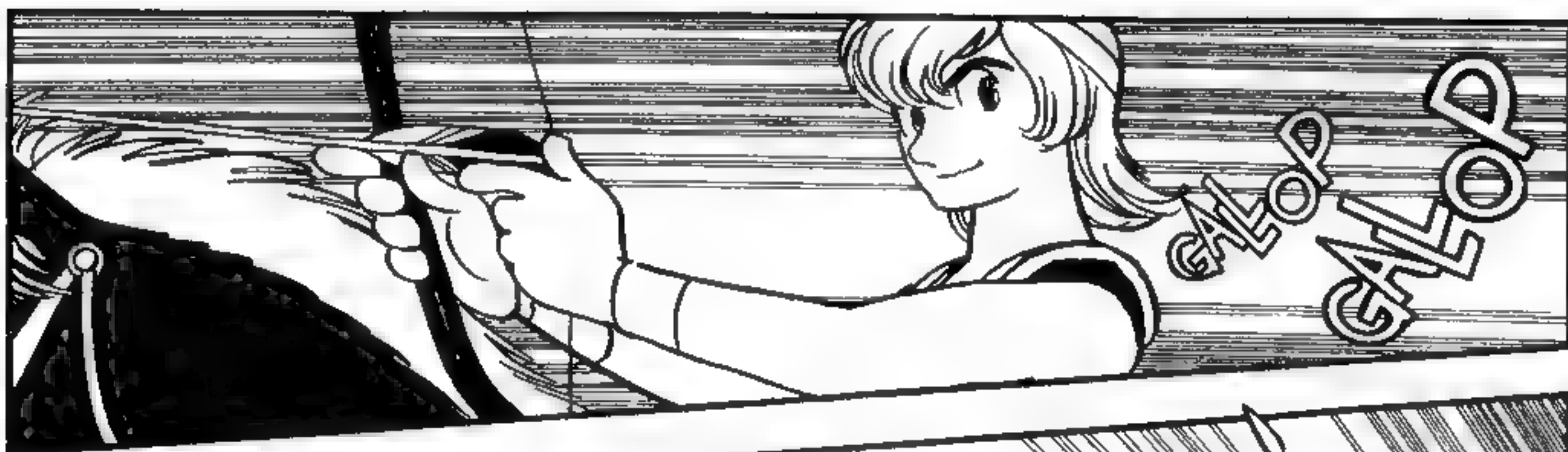










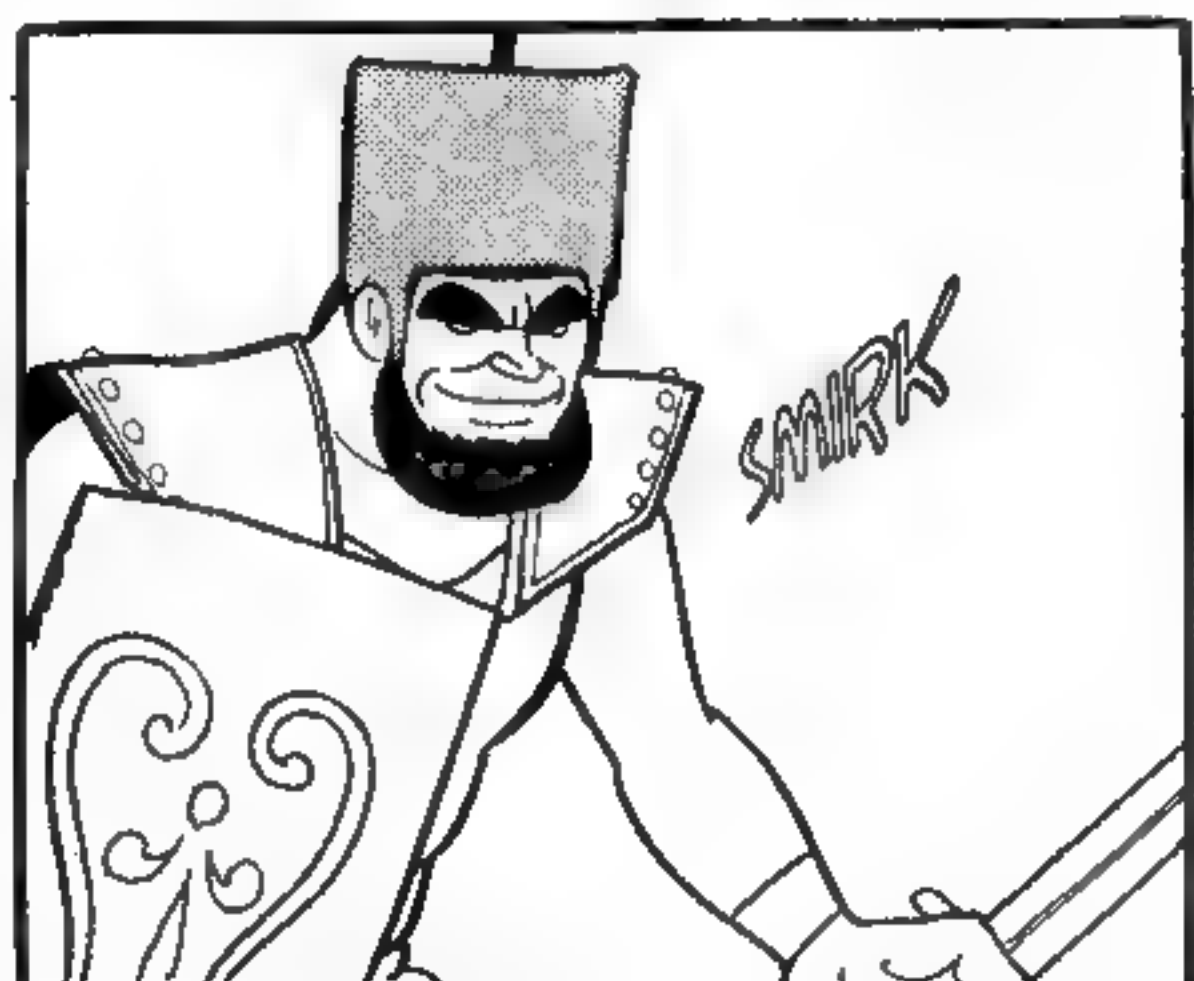
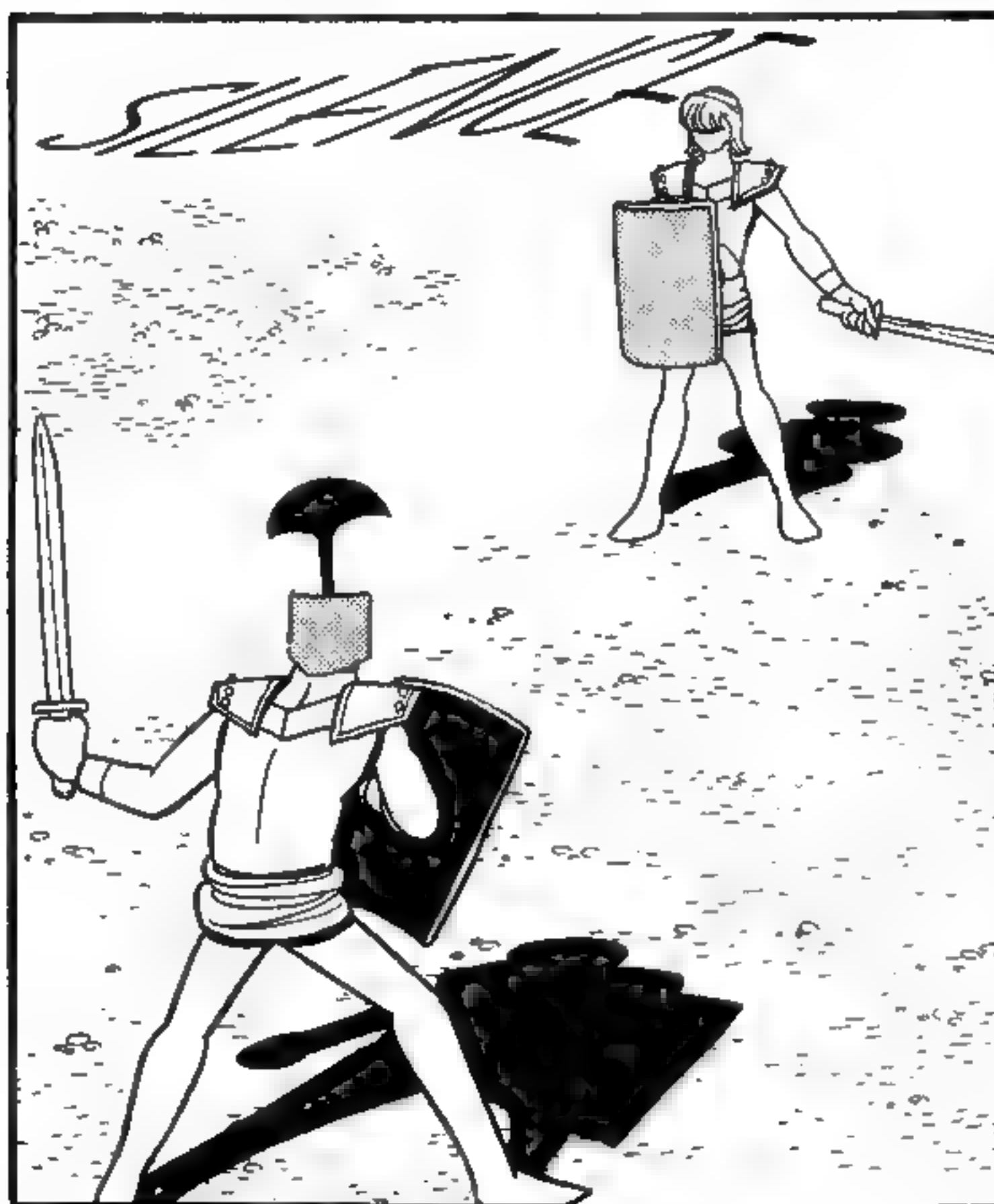


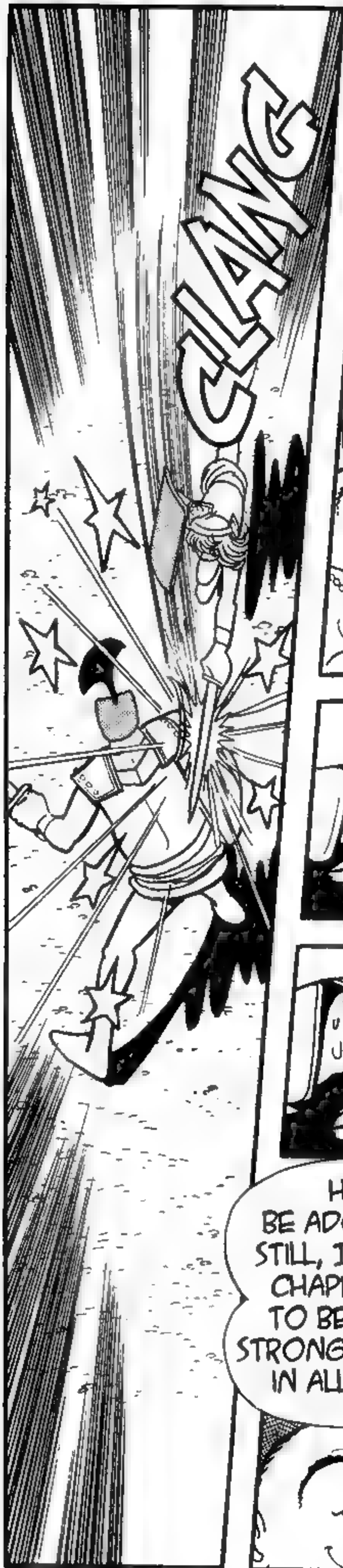


NEXT
ROUND:
THE SWORD.

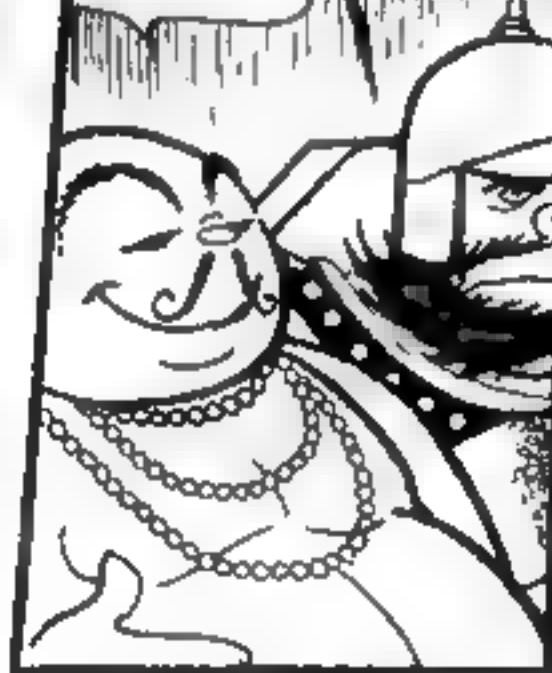
VINDIKA	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
CHAPRA	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE
FIGHTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE





YOUR
SON HAS
GROWN
STRONG.



HE MAY
BE ADOPTED, BUT
STILL, I ENVY YOU.
CHAPRA'S LIKELY
TO BECOME THE
STRONGEST WARRIOR
IN ALL KOSALA.

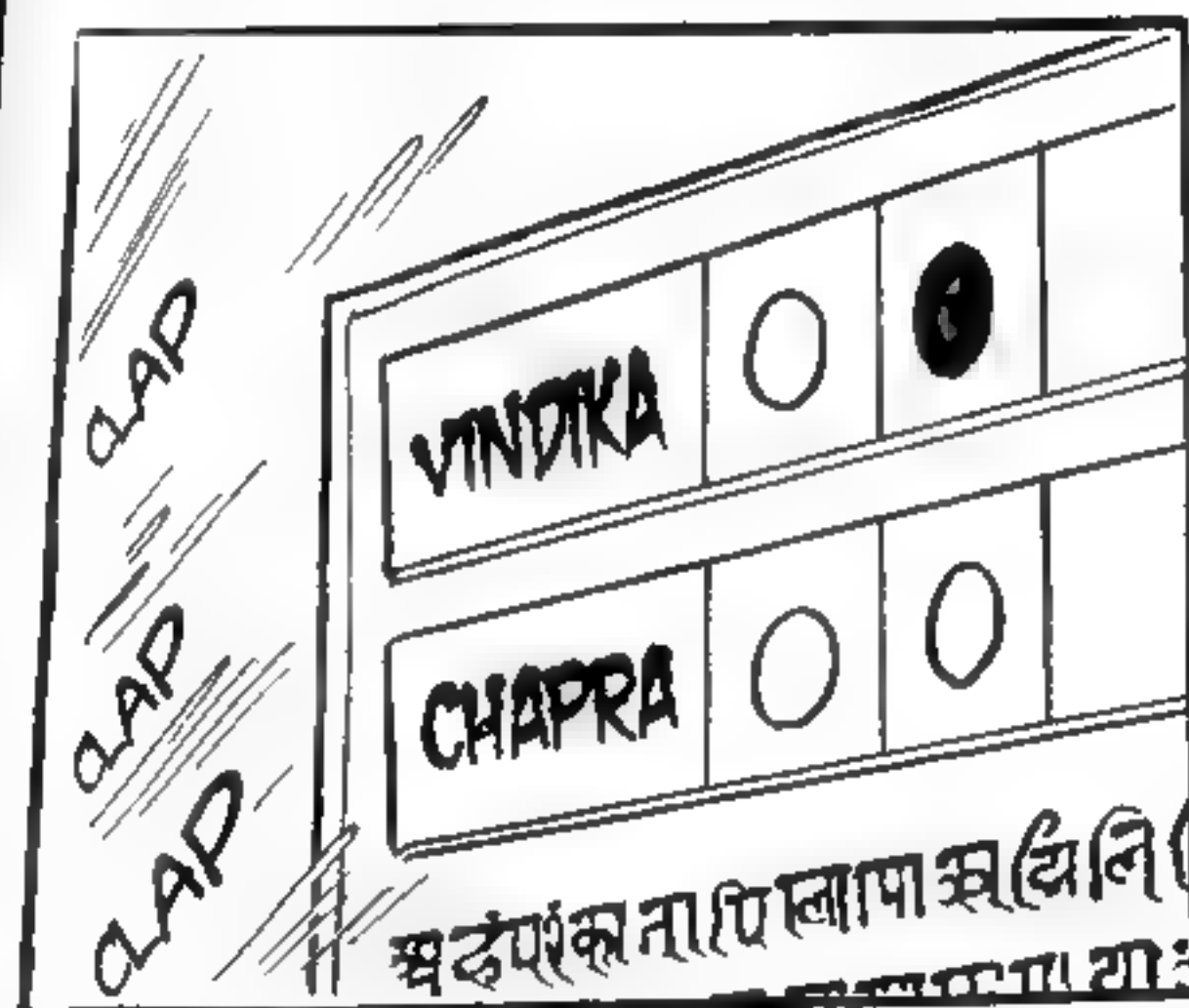
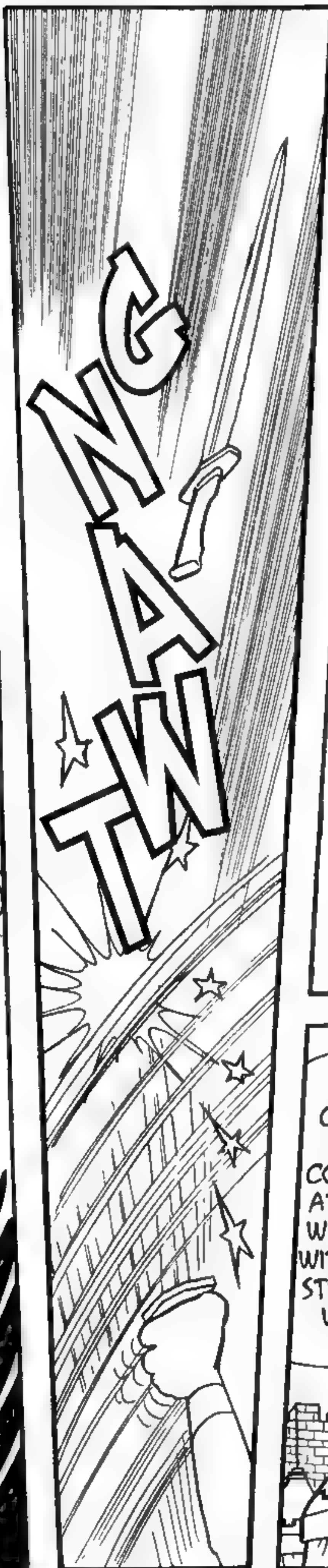


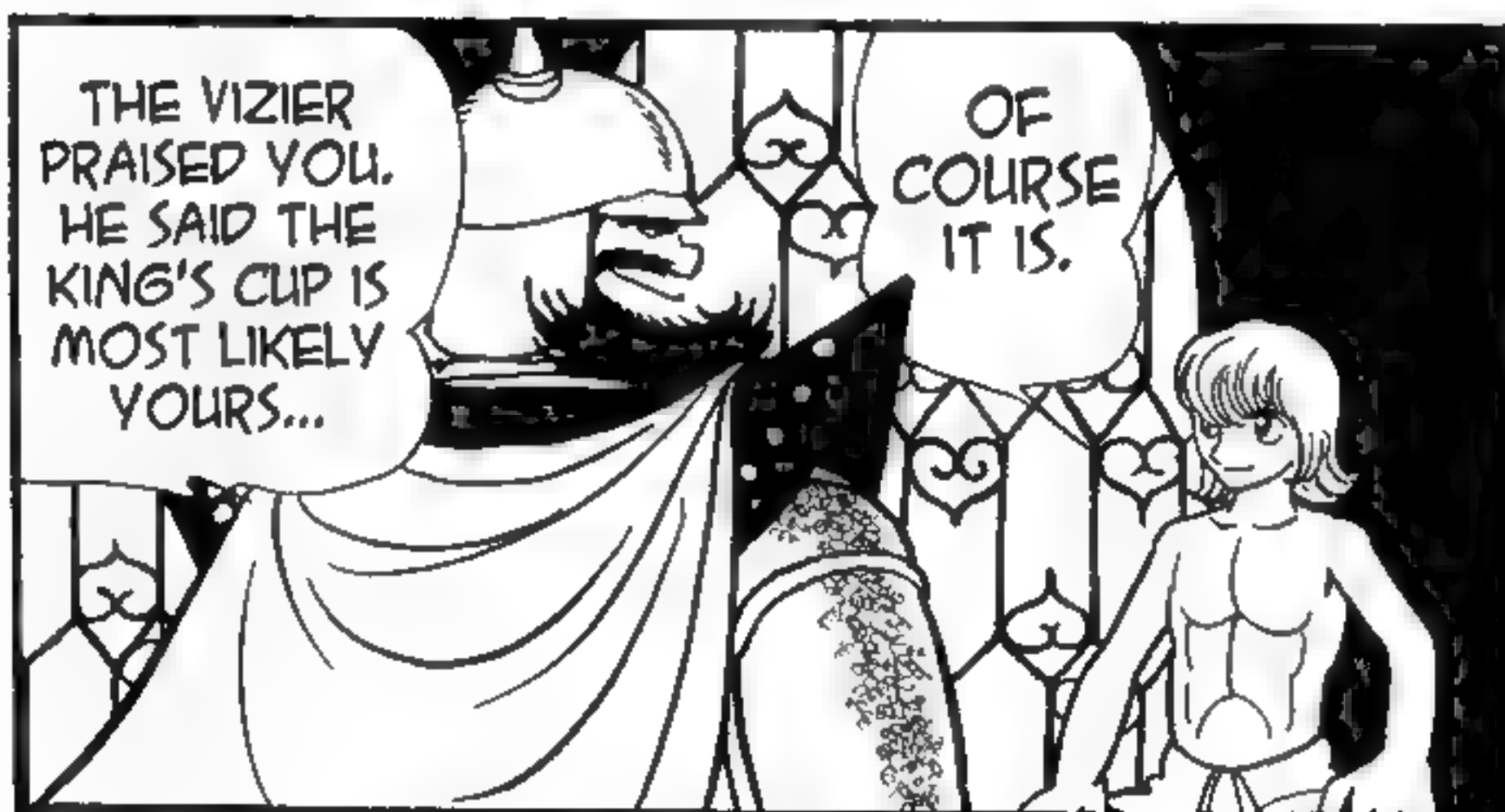
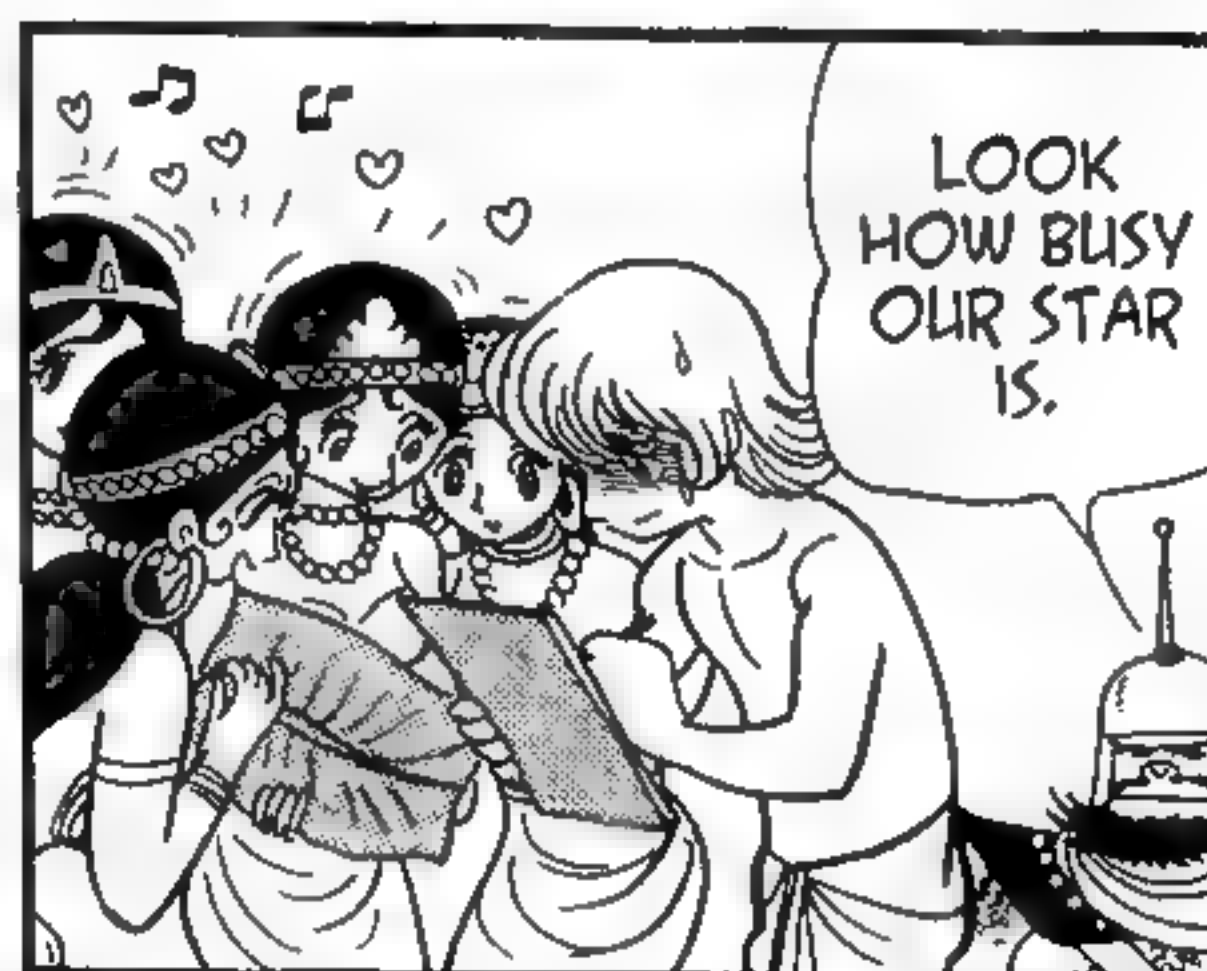
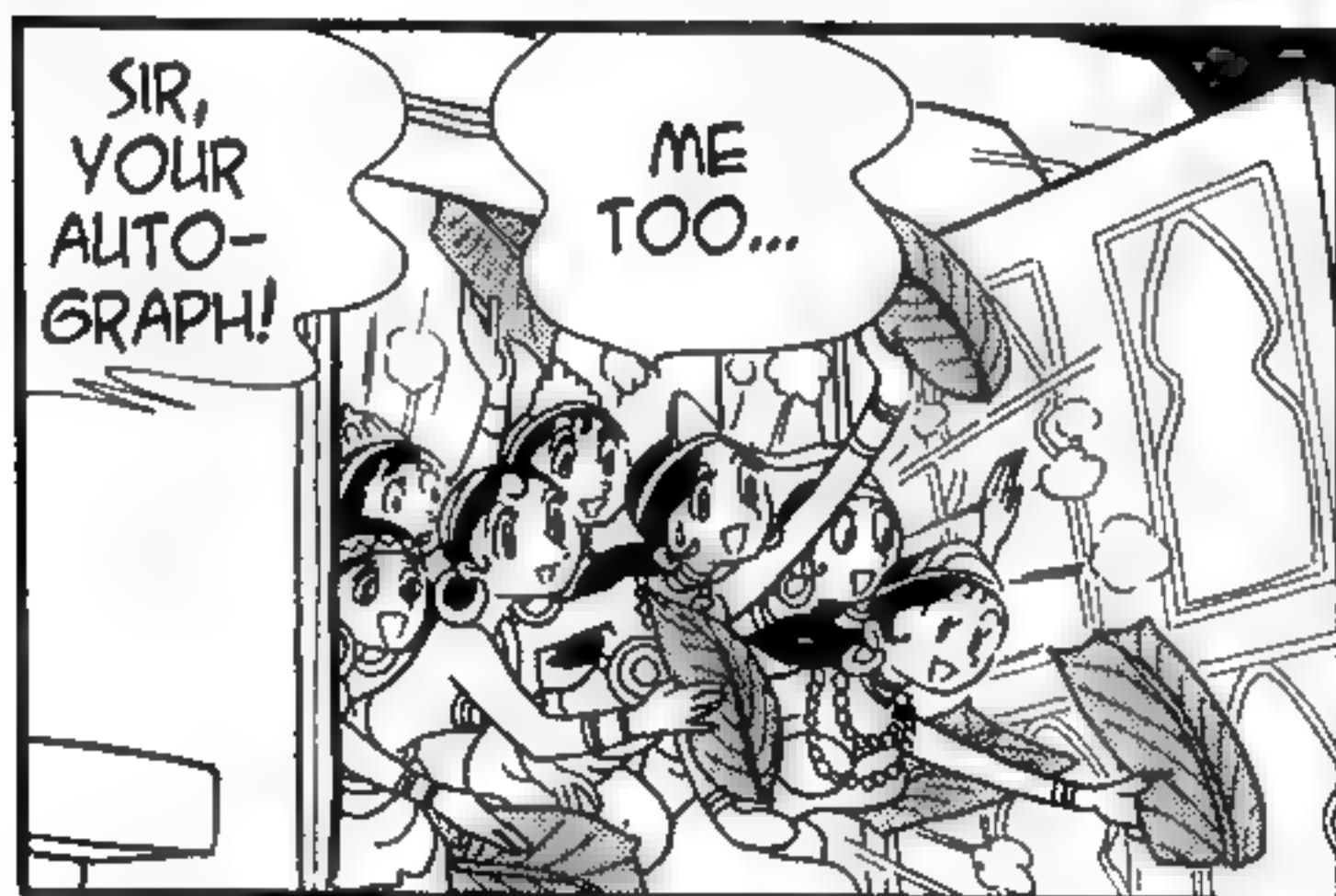
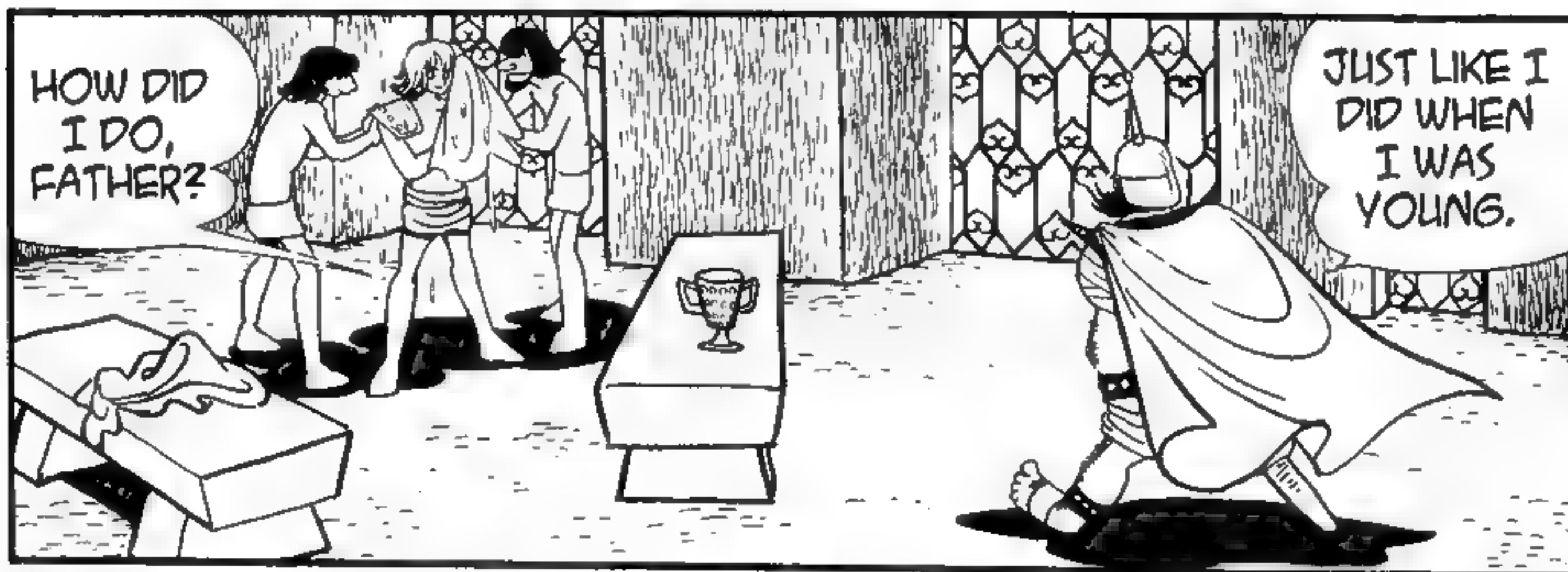
I WANTED A
CIVIL CAREER
FOR HIM.
STRENGTH
ALONE DOES
NOT MAKE
THE MAN.

THE BRAVE
MUST ONE
DAY GROW
WEAK...

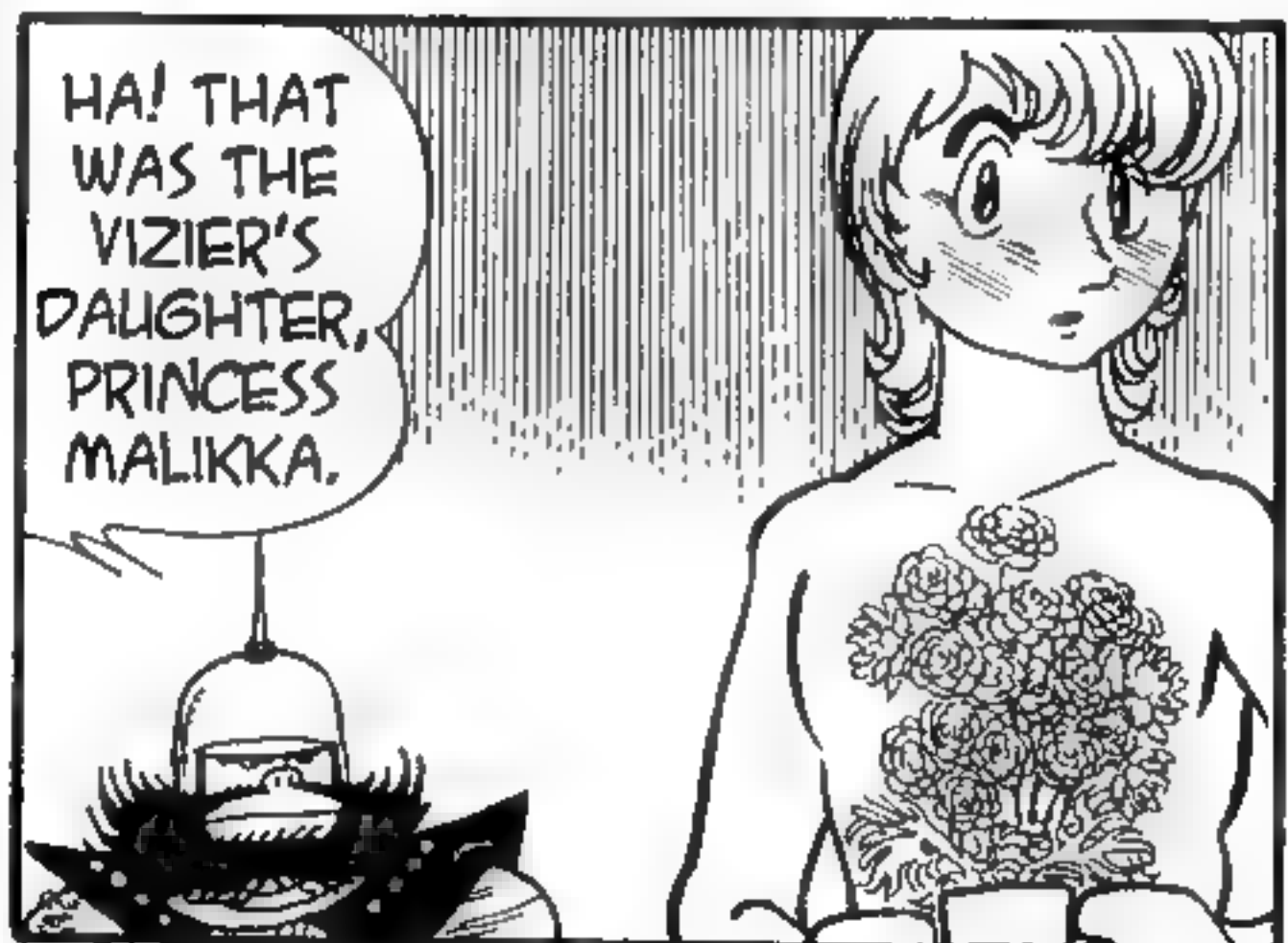
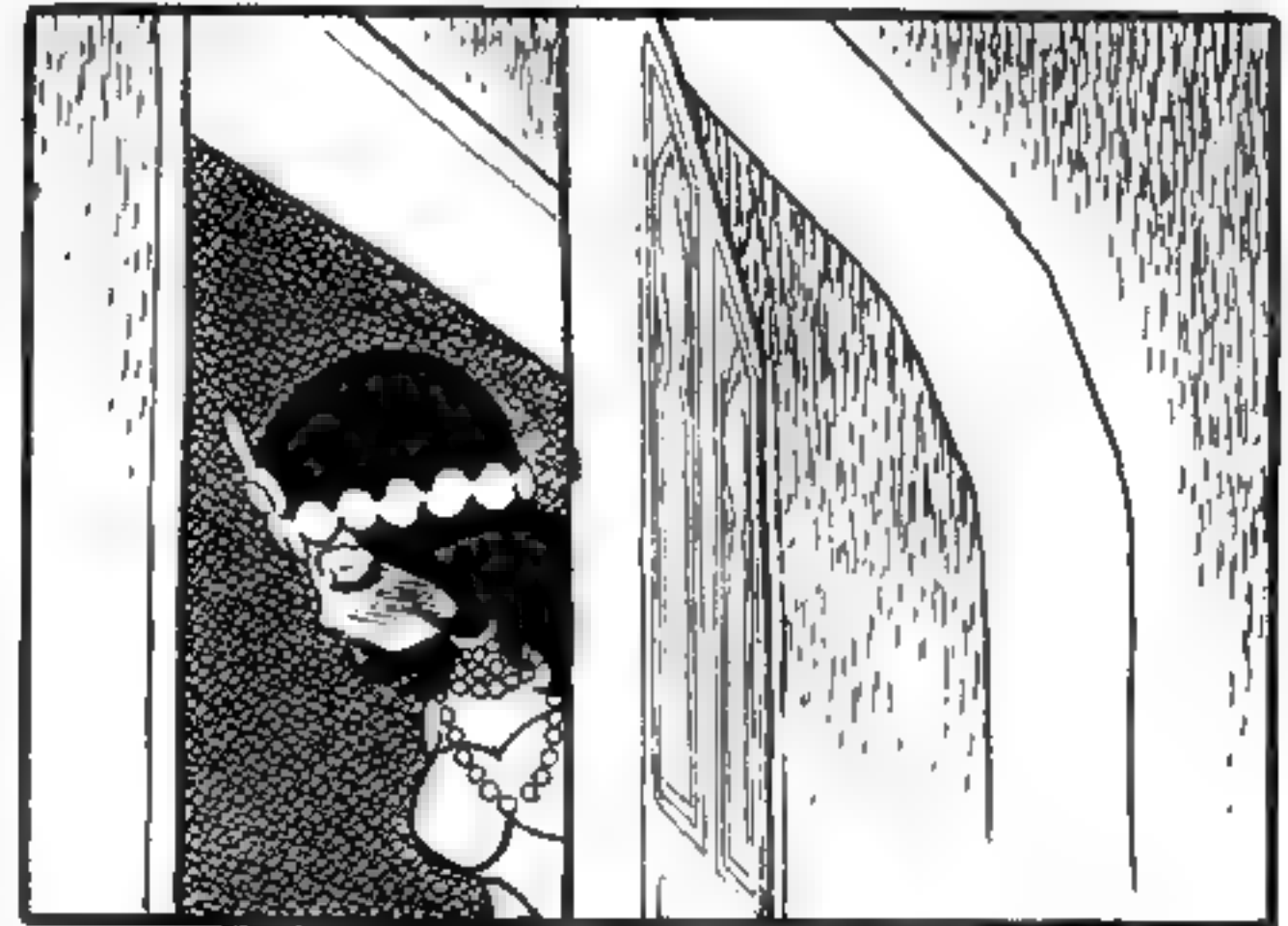
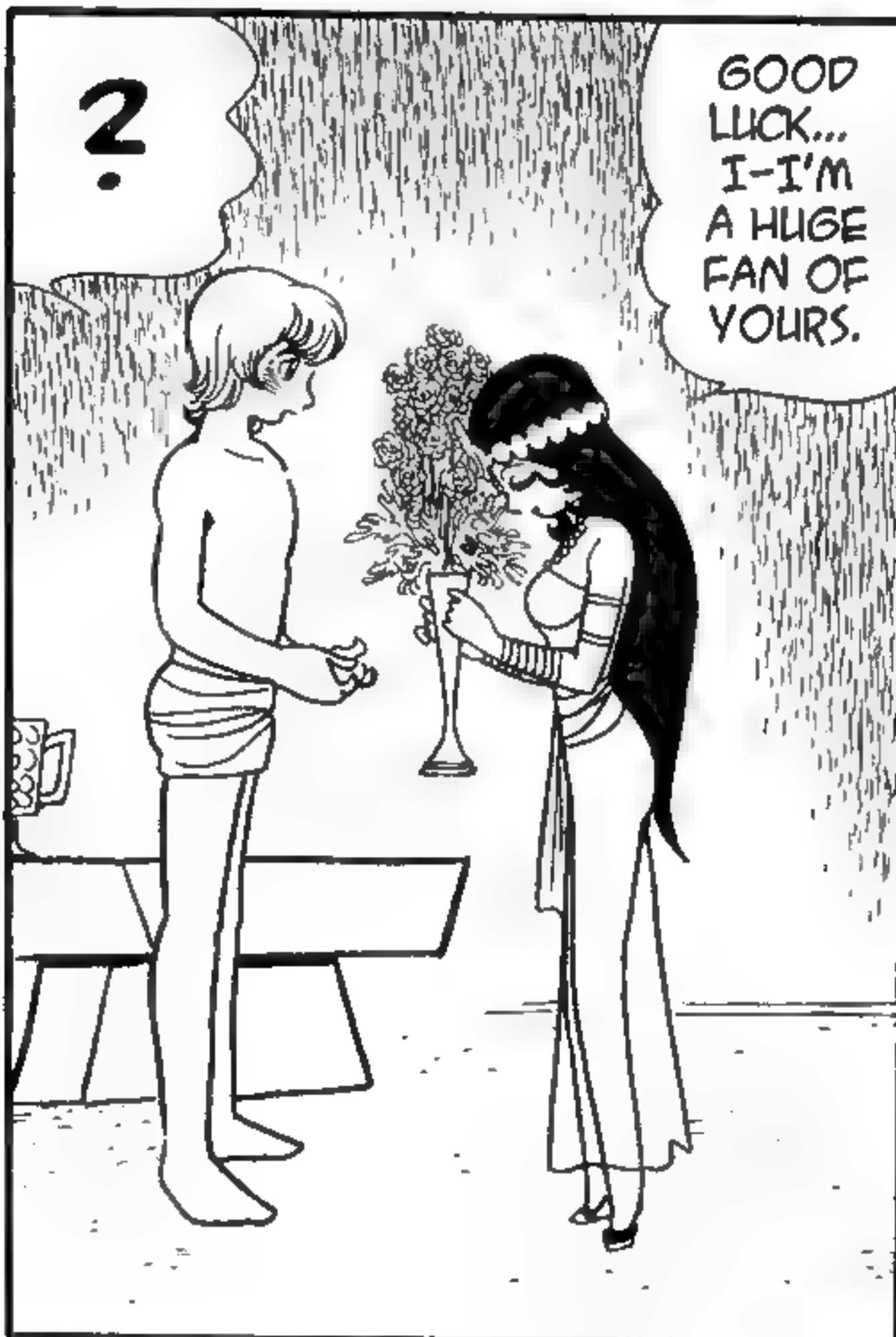
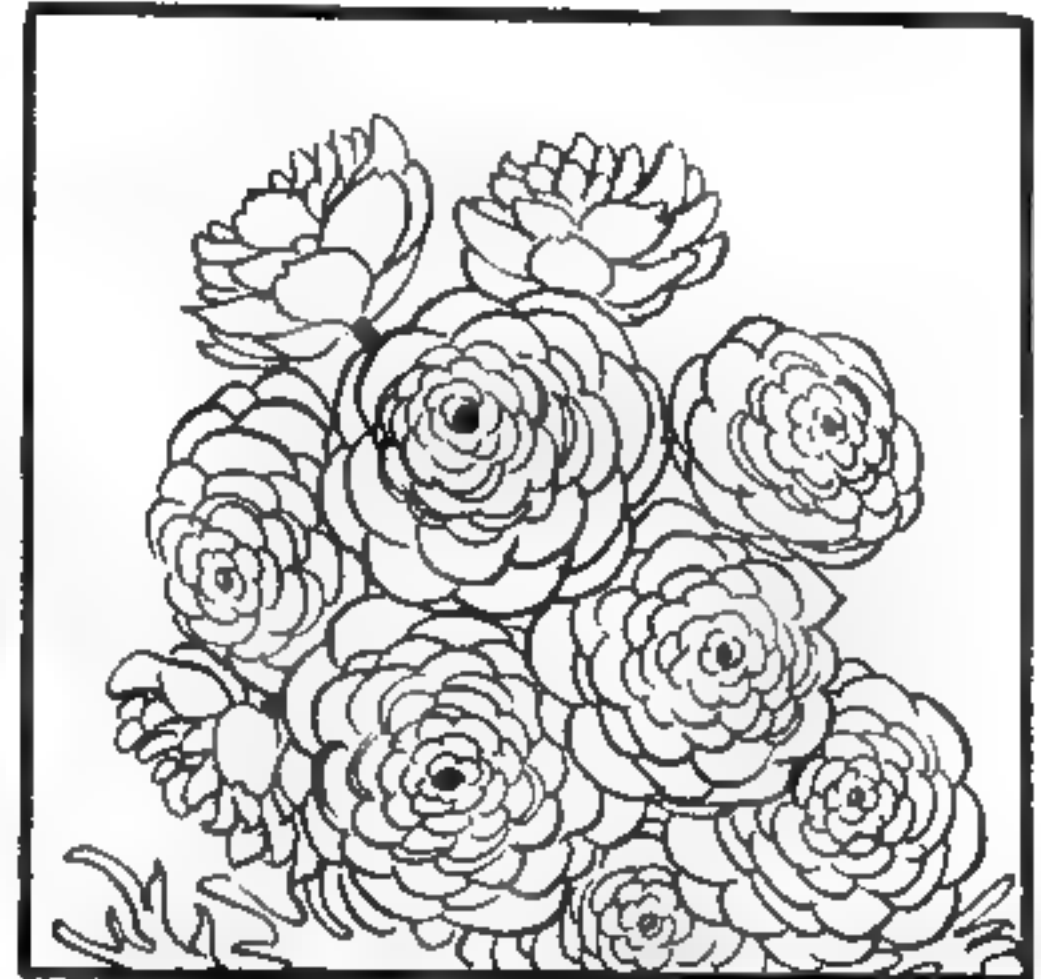
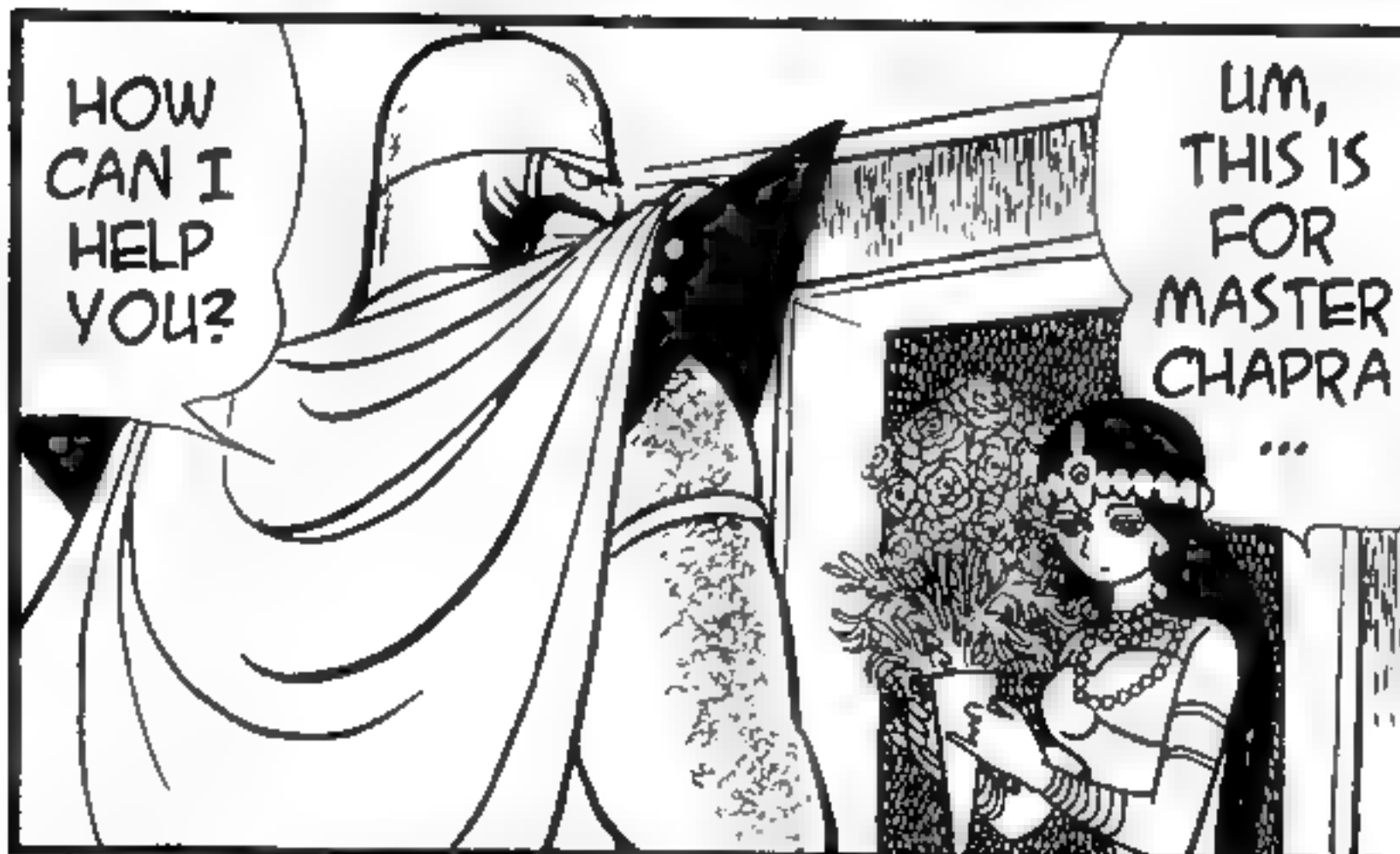
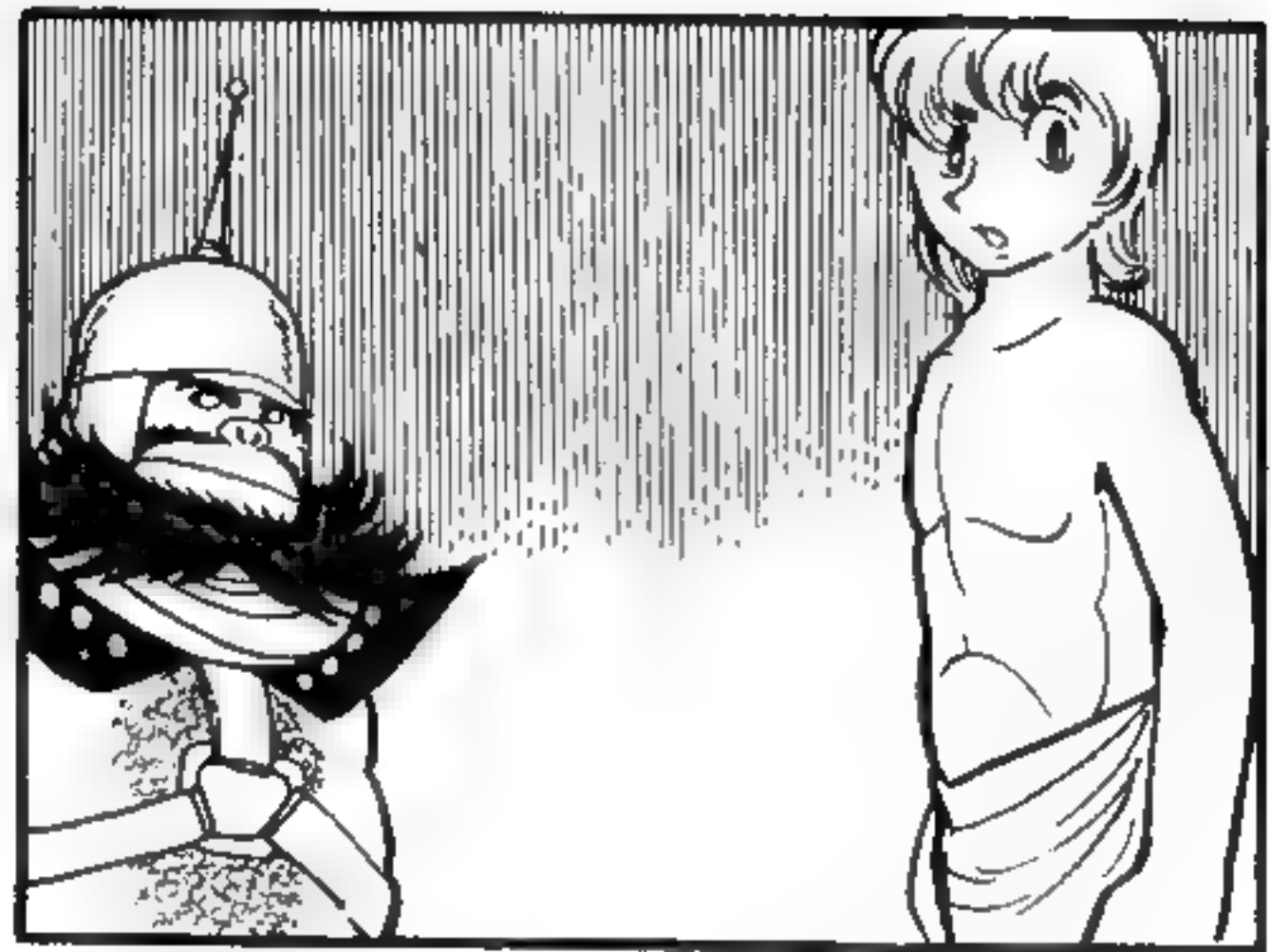
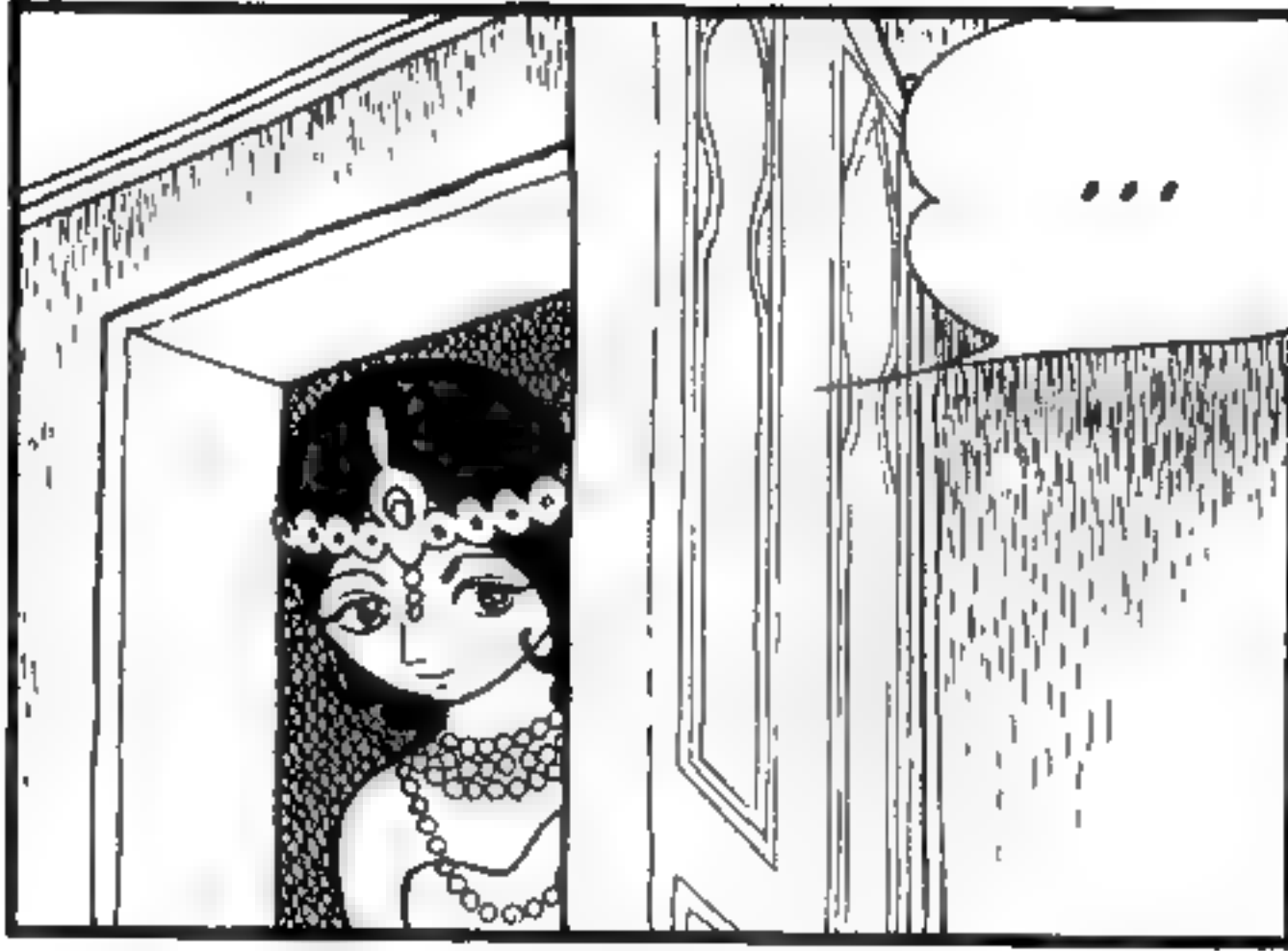
LOOK AT
ME, USELESS
AFTER LOSING
AN ARM
AND A LEG.

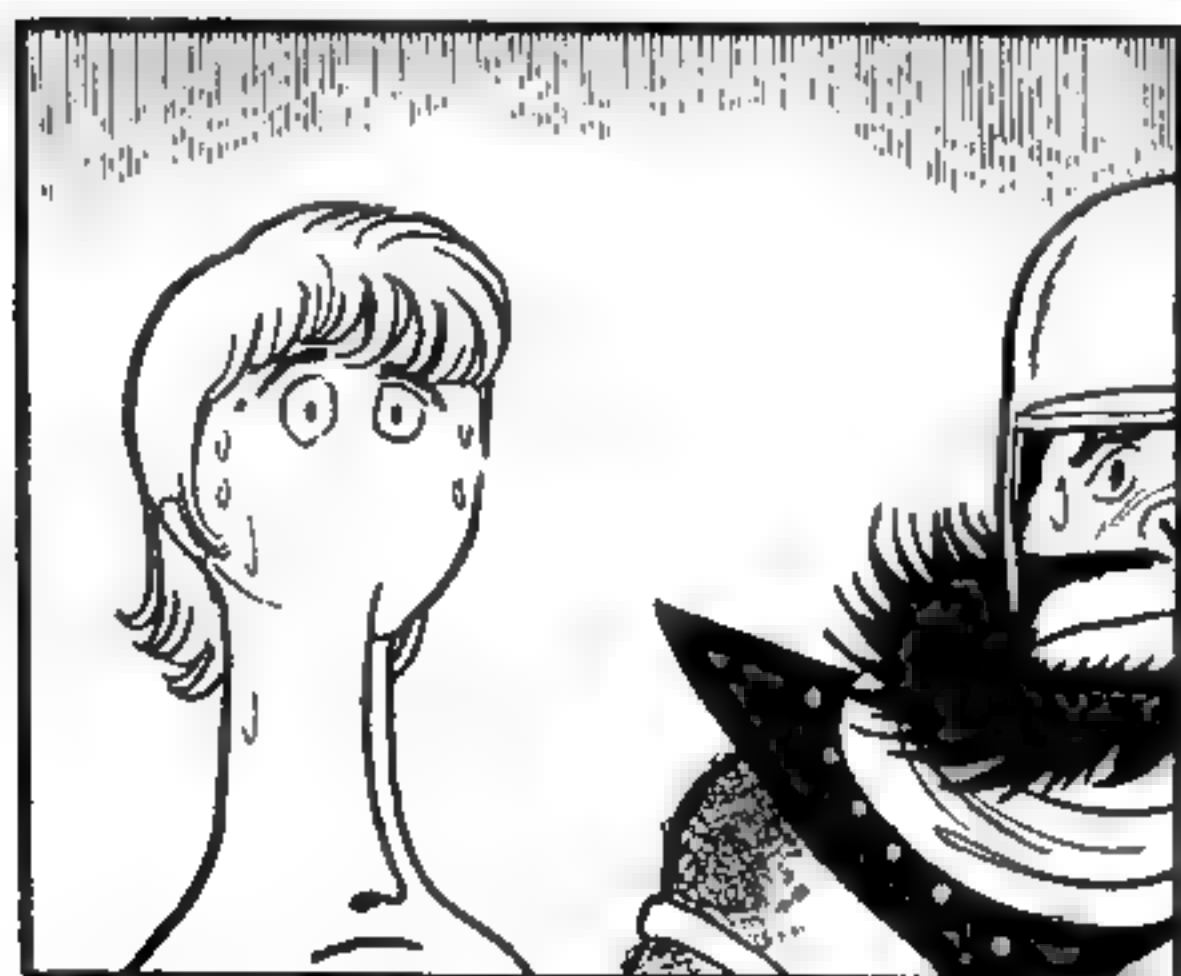
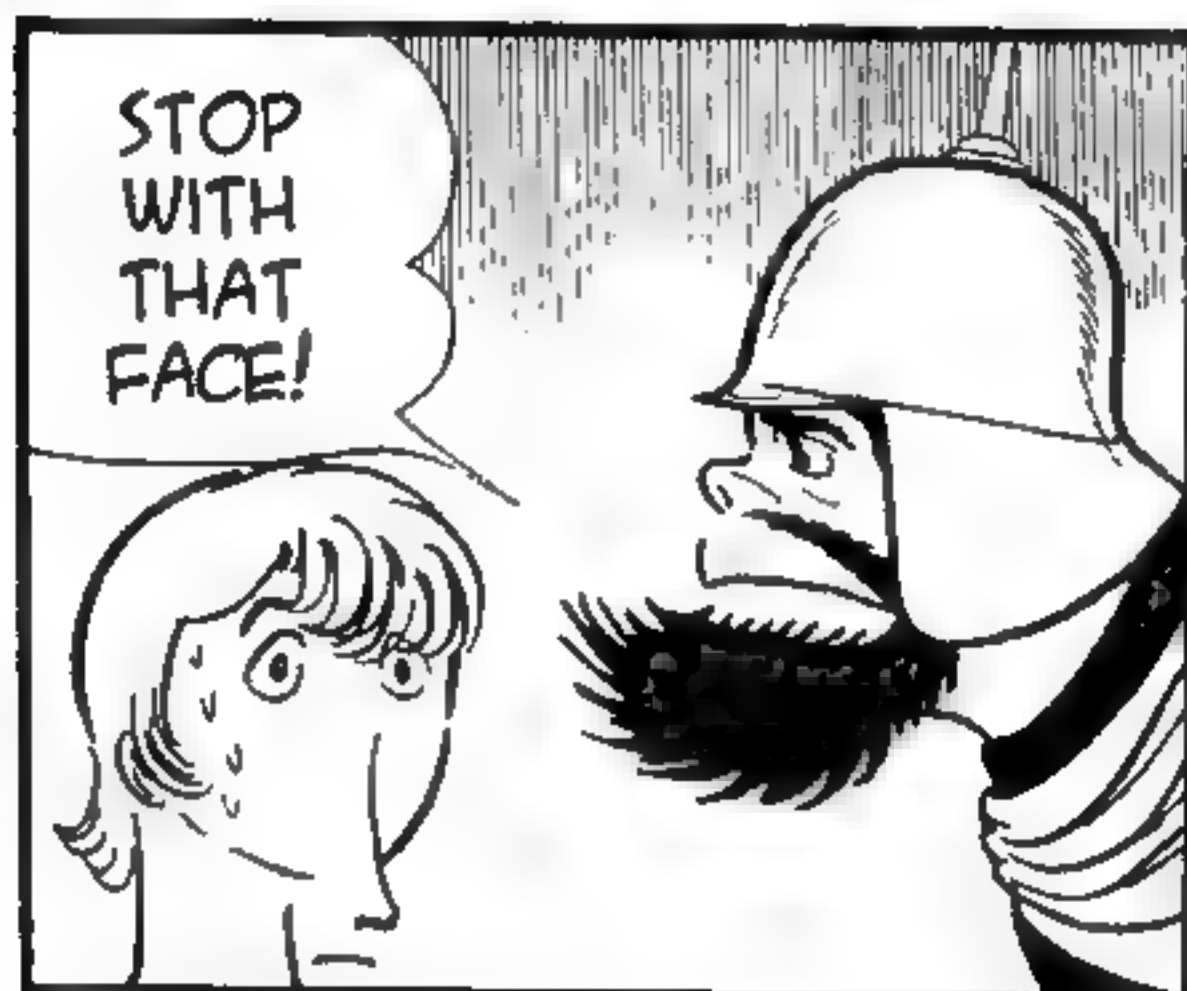
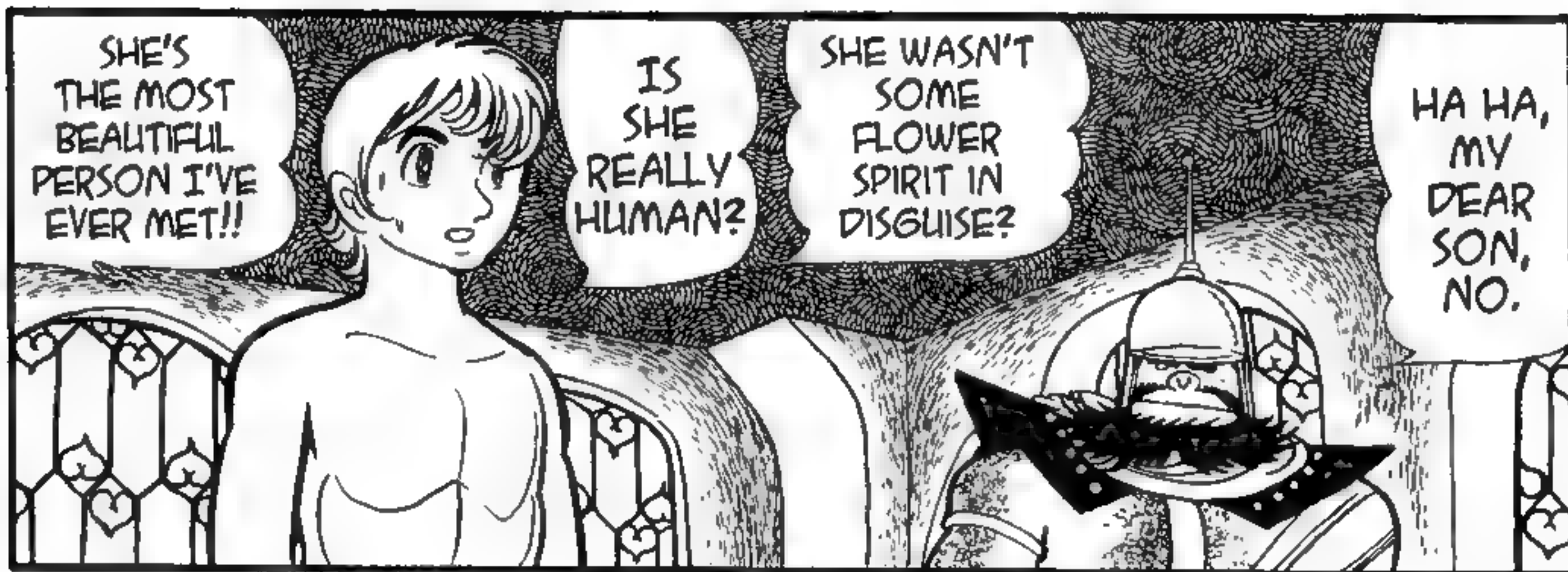


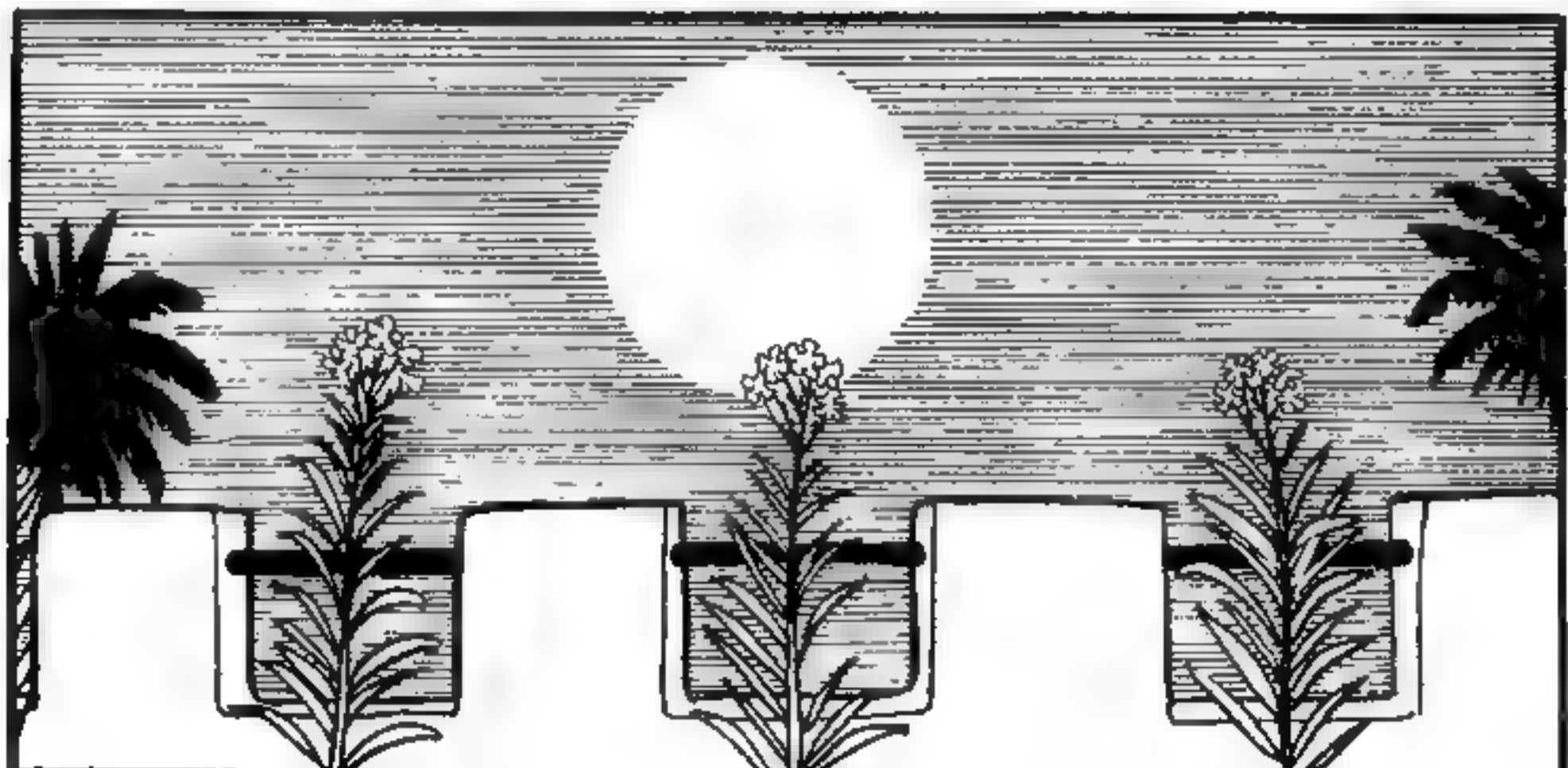
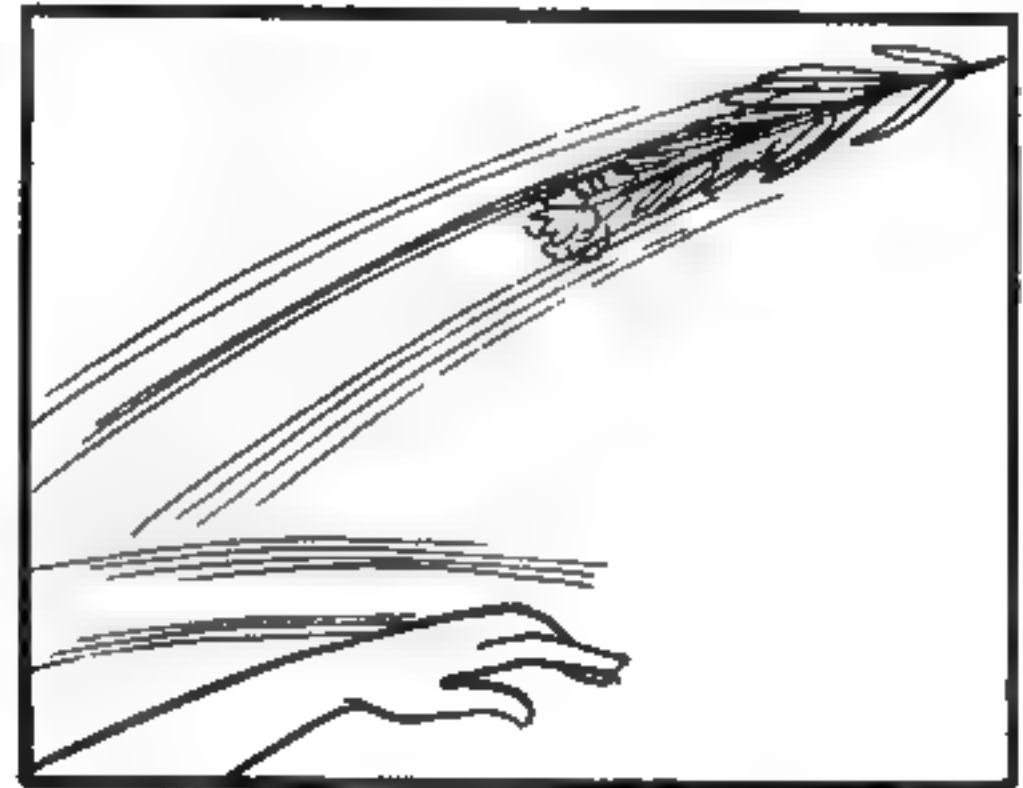
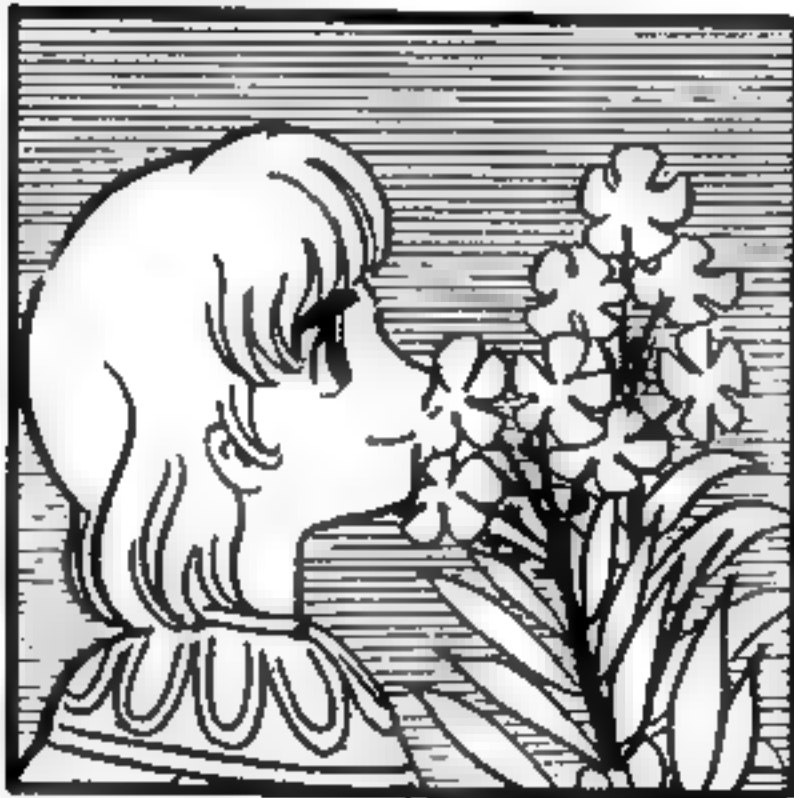
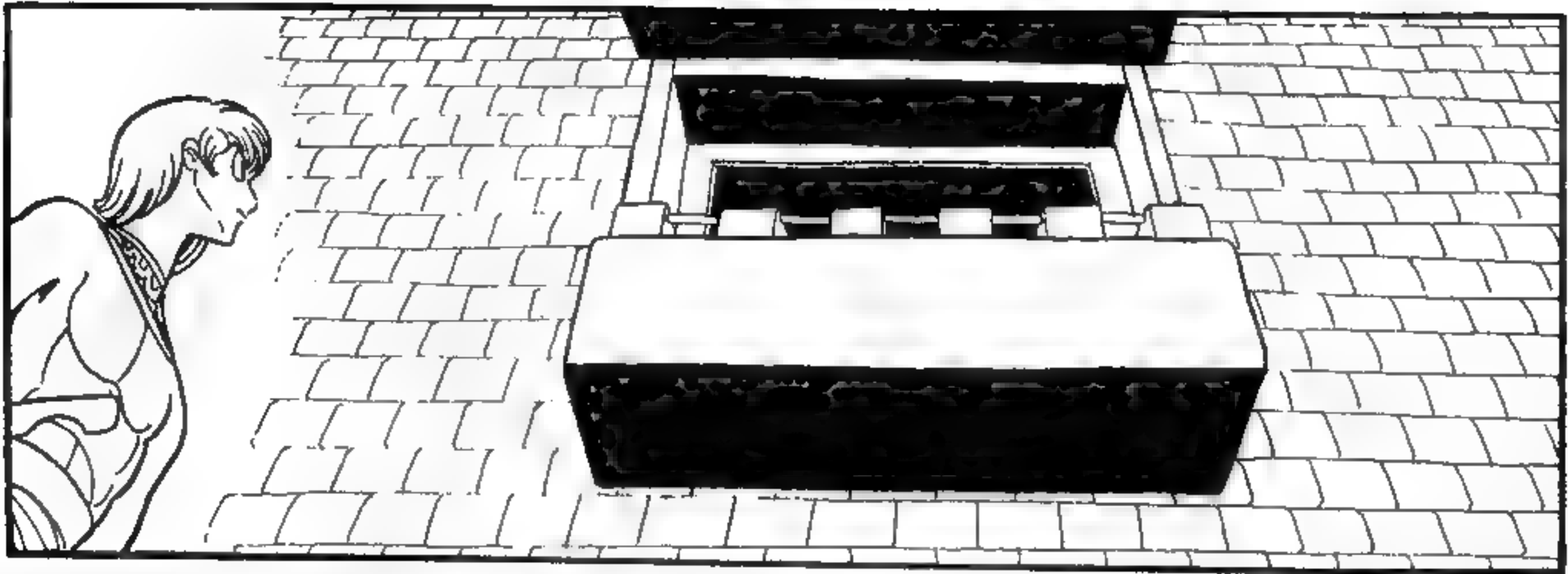


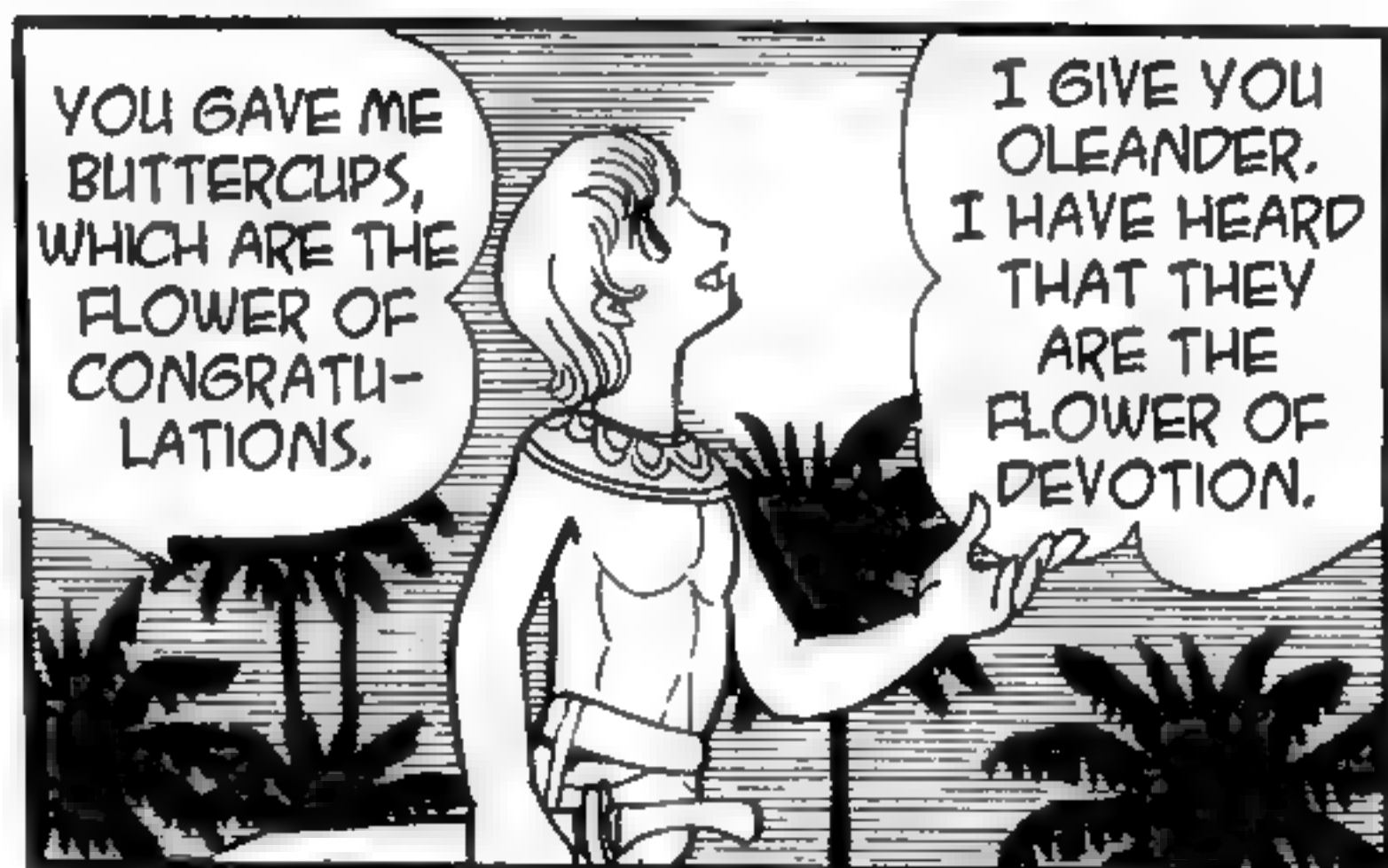


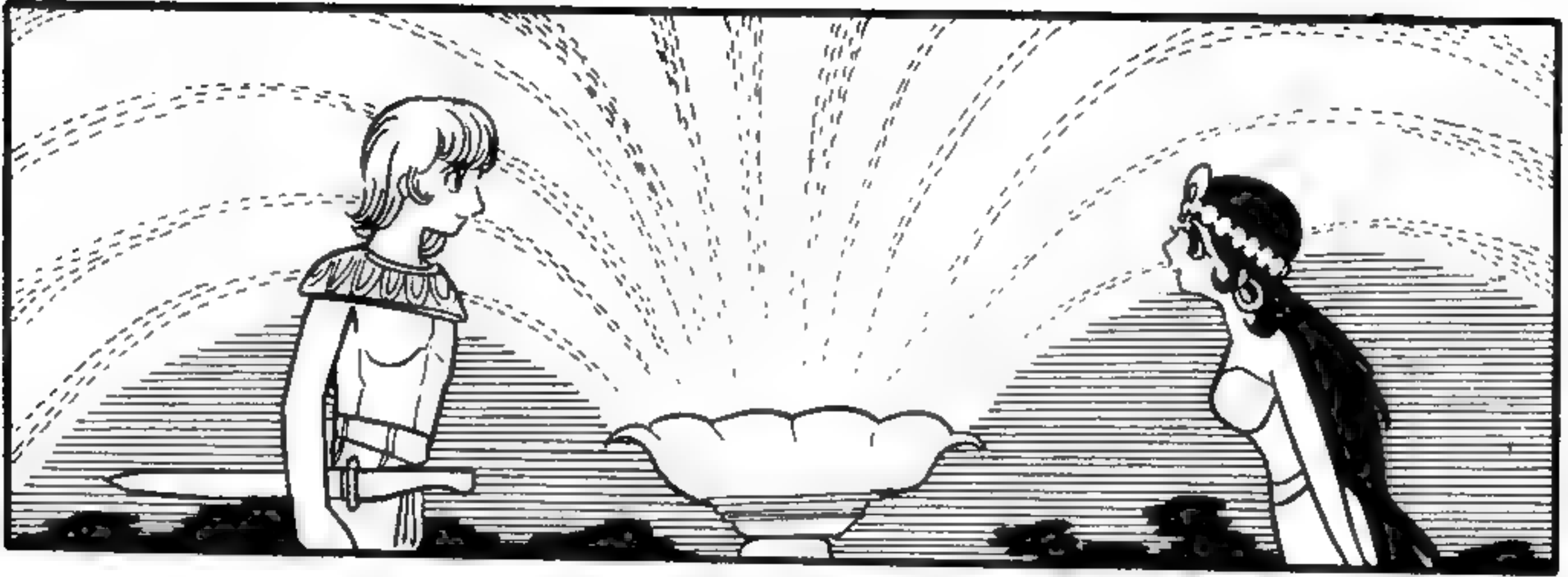


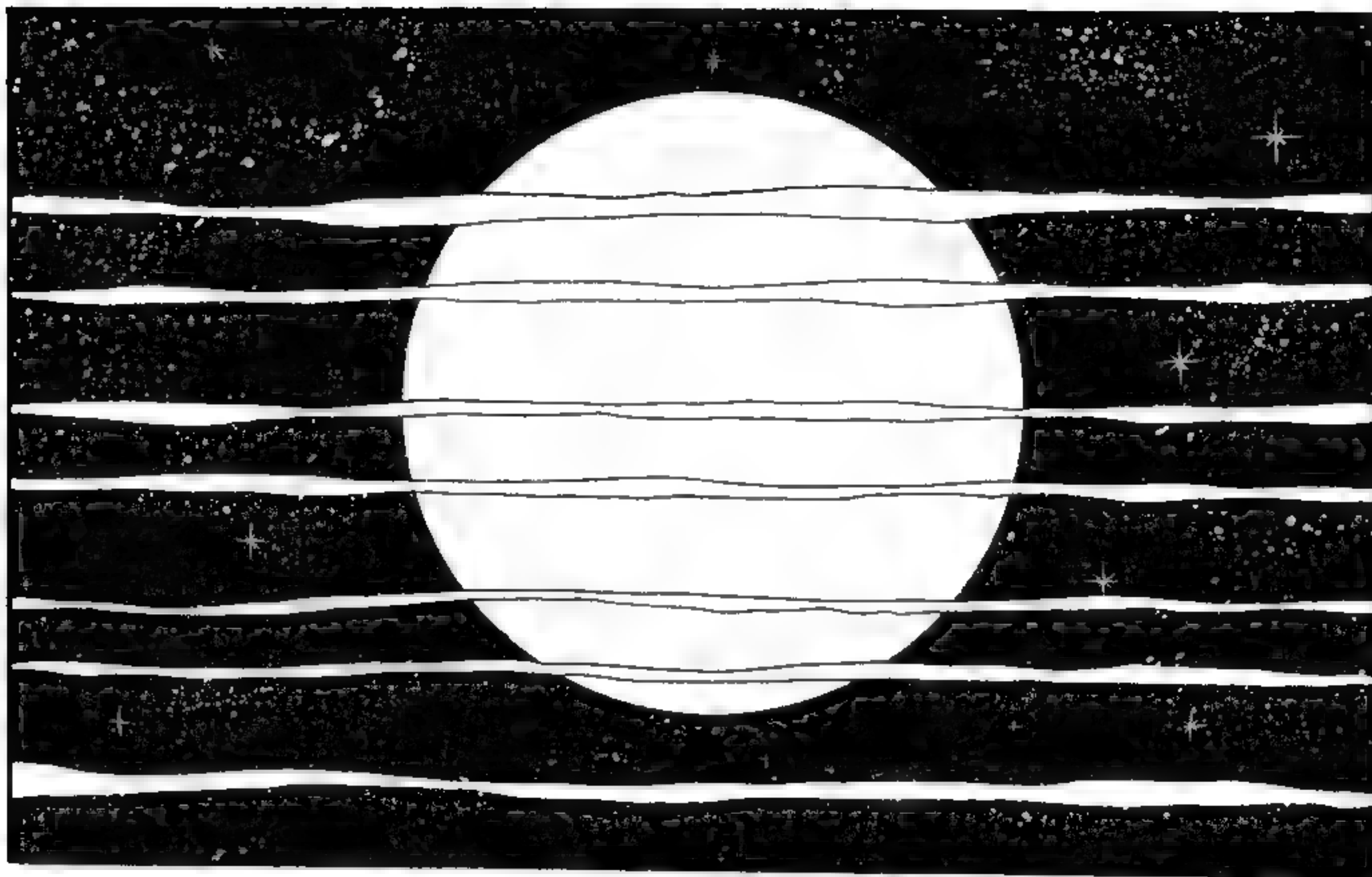


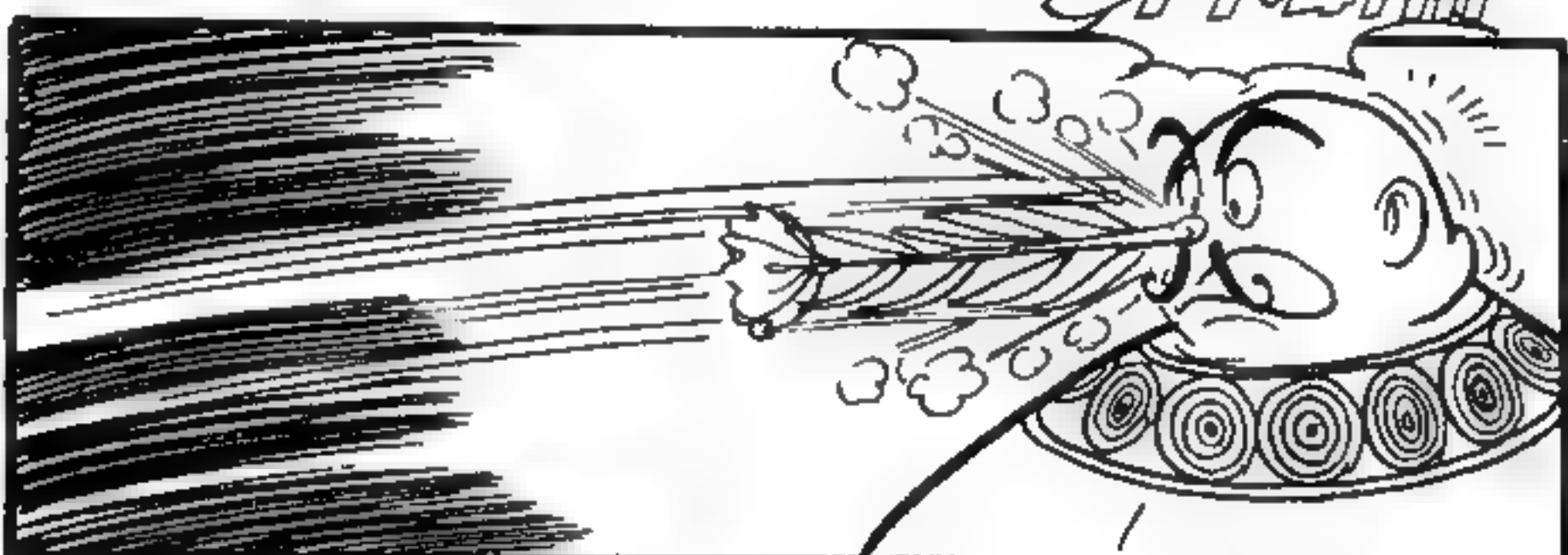
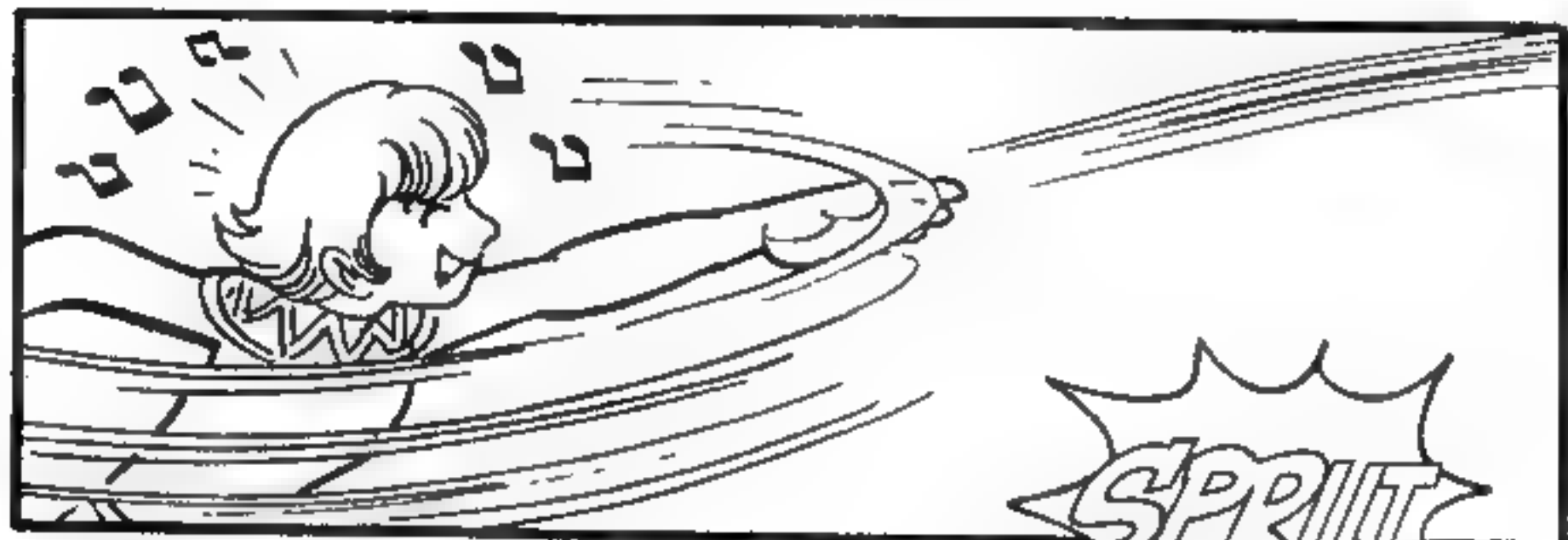
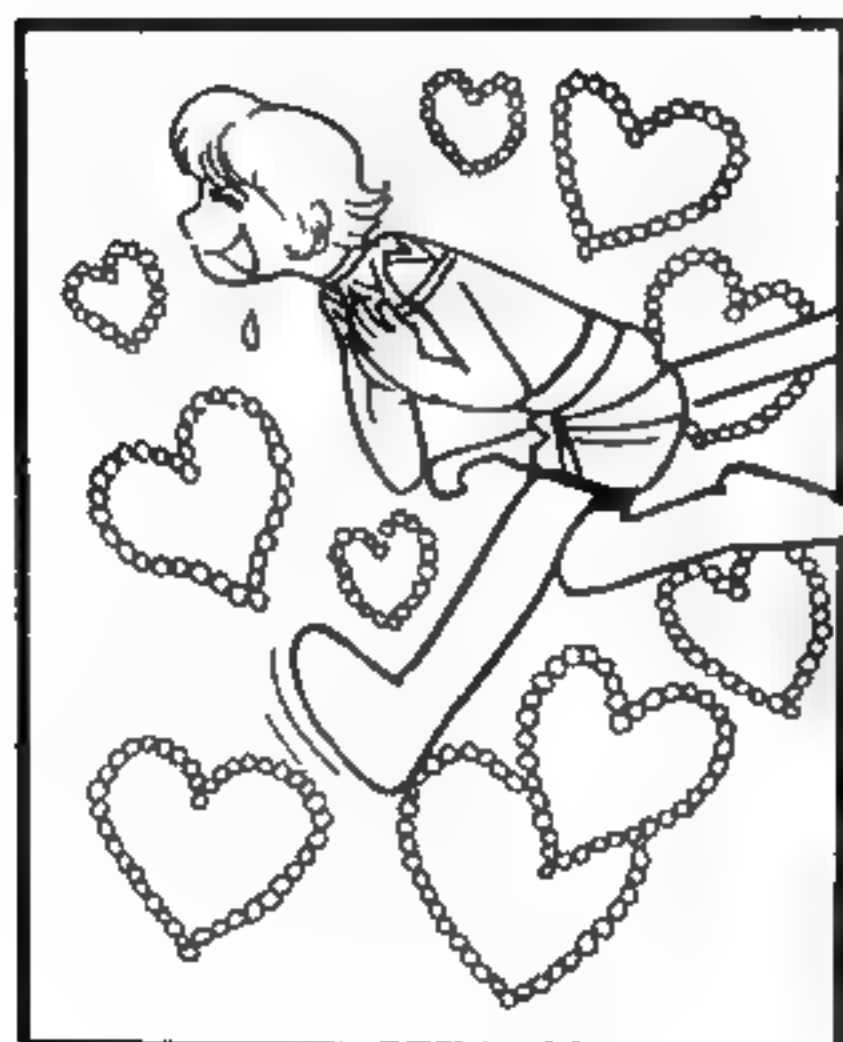
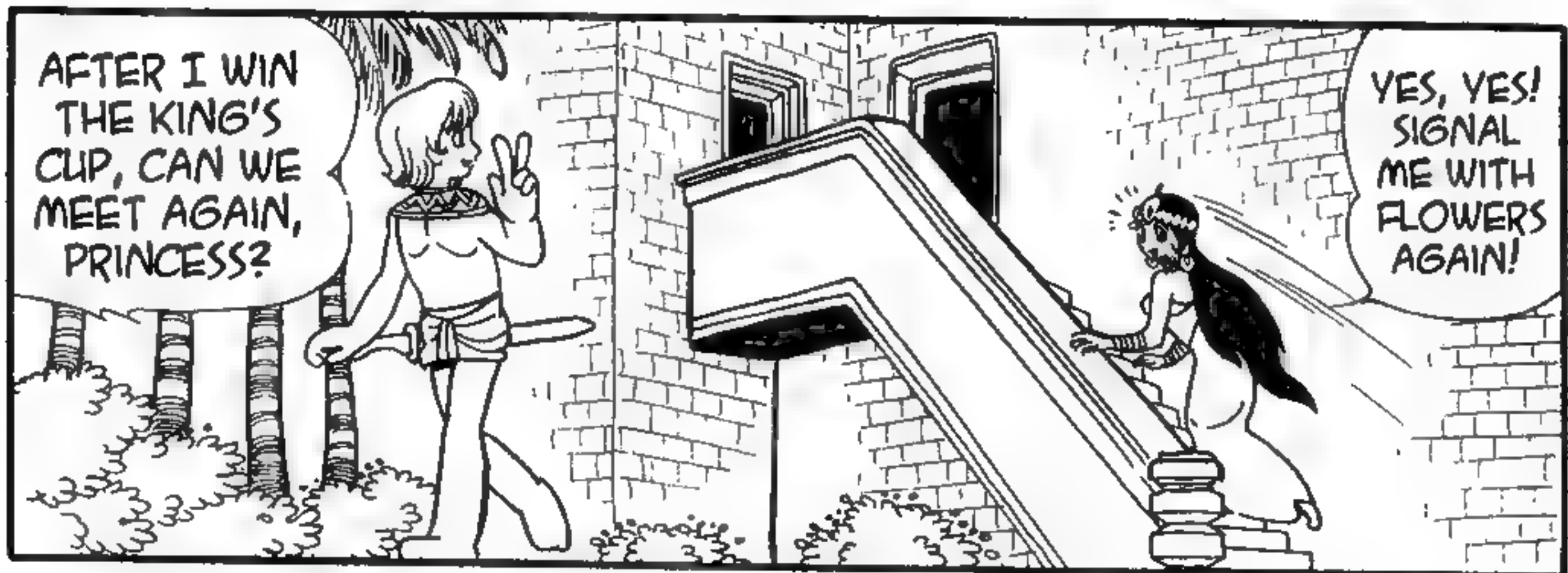
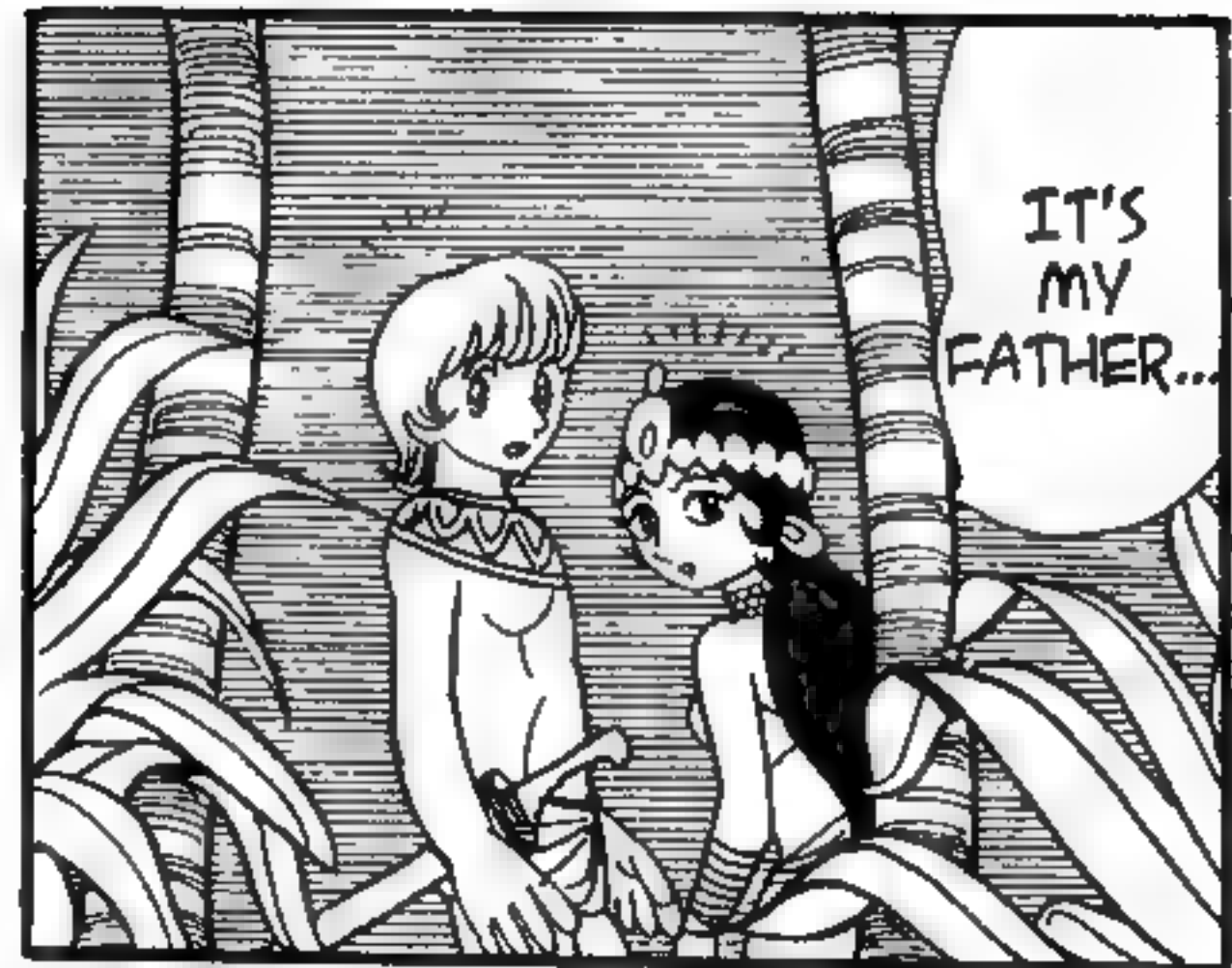
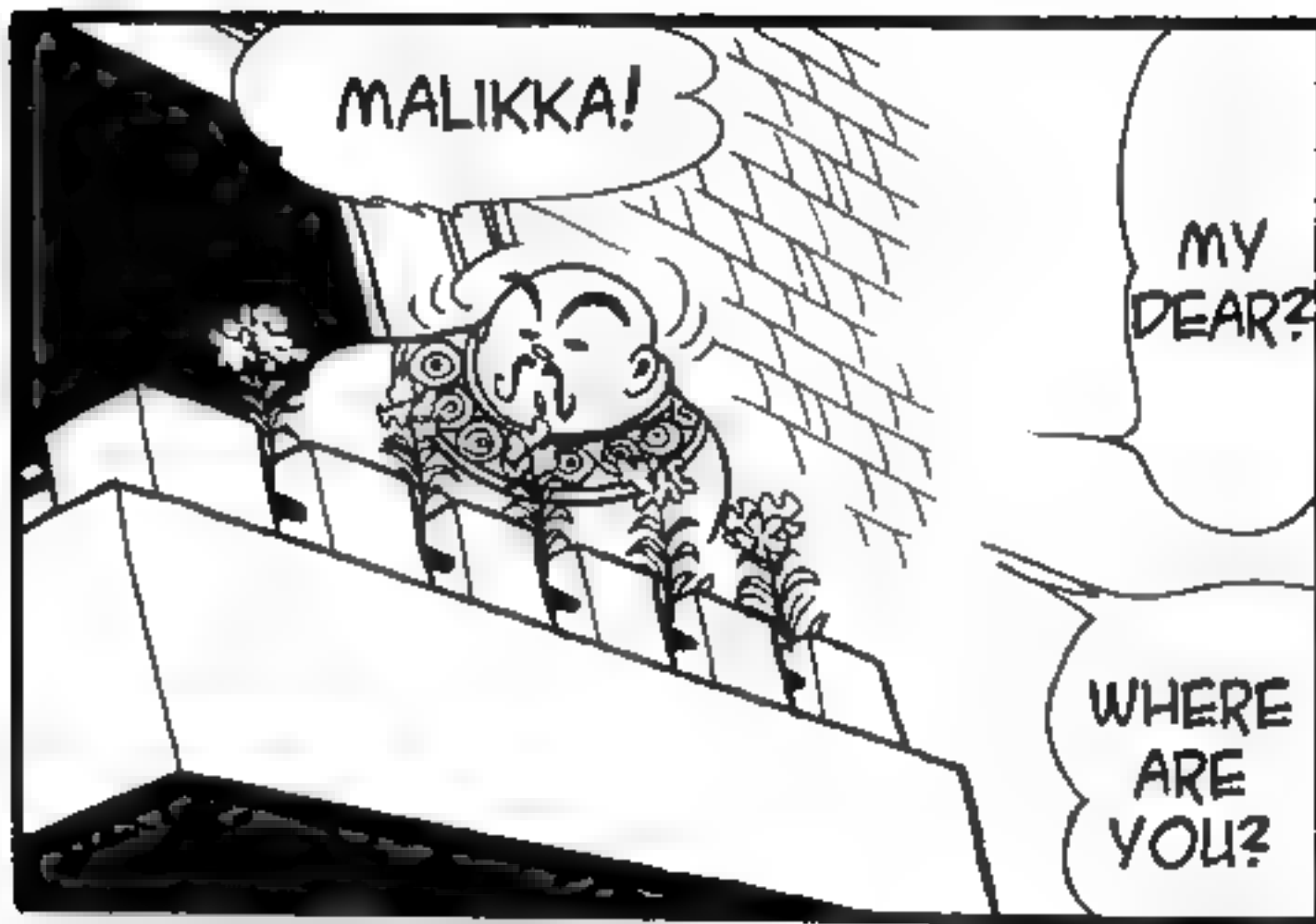


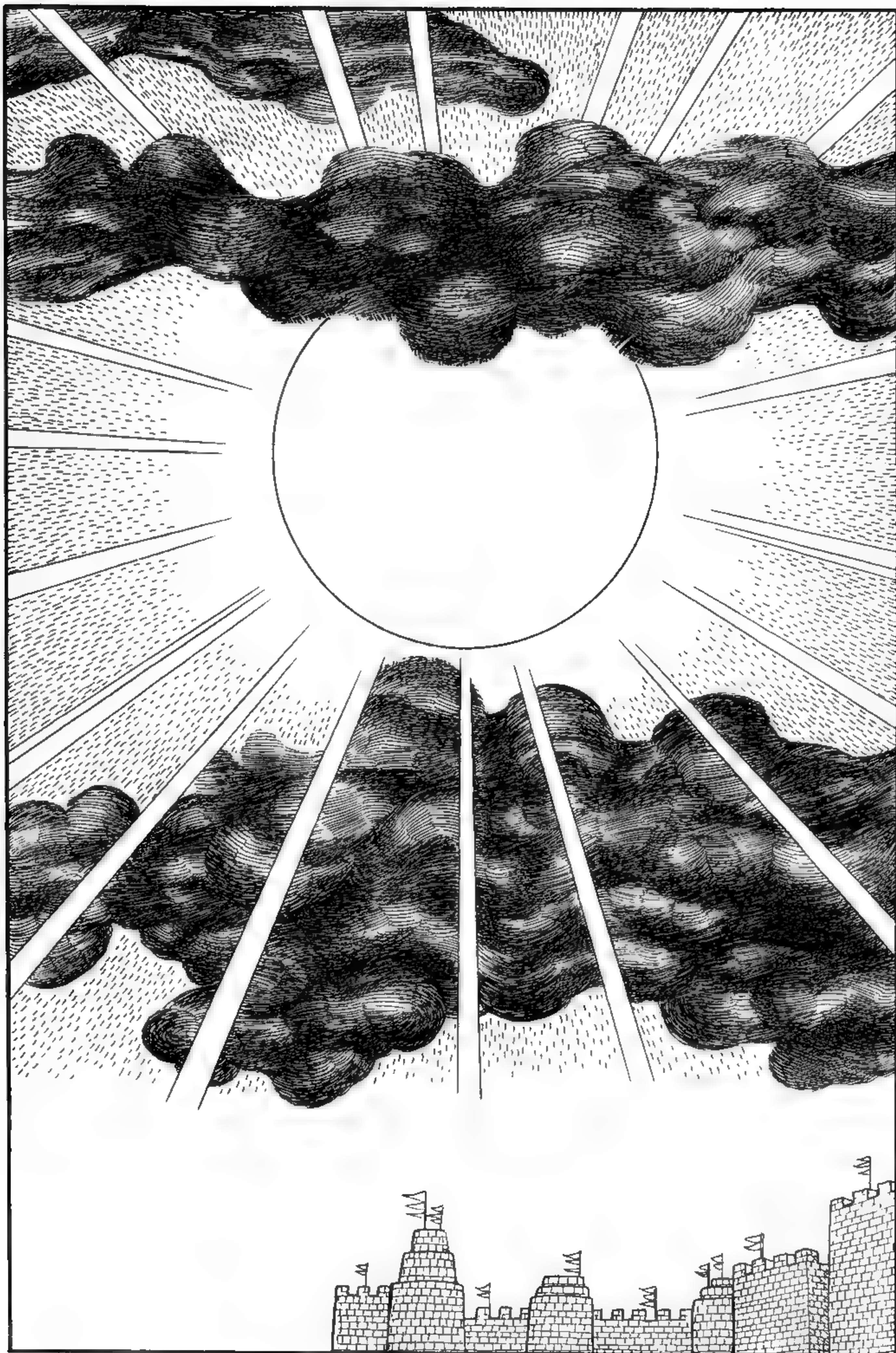


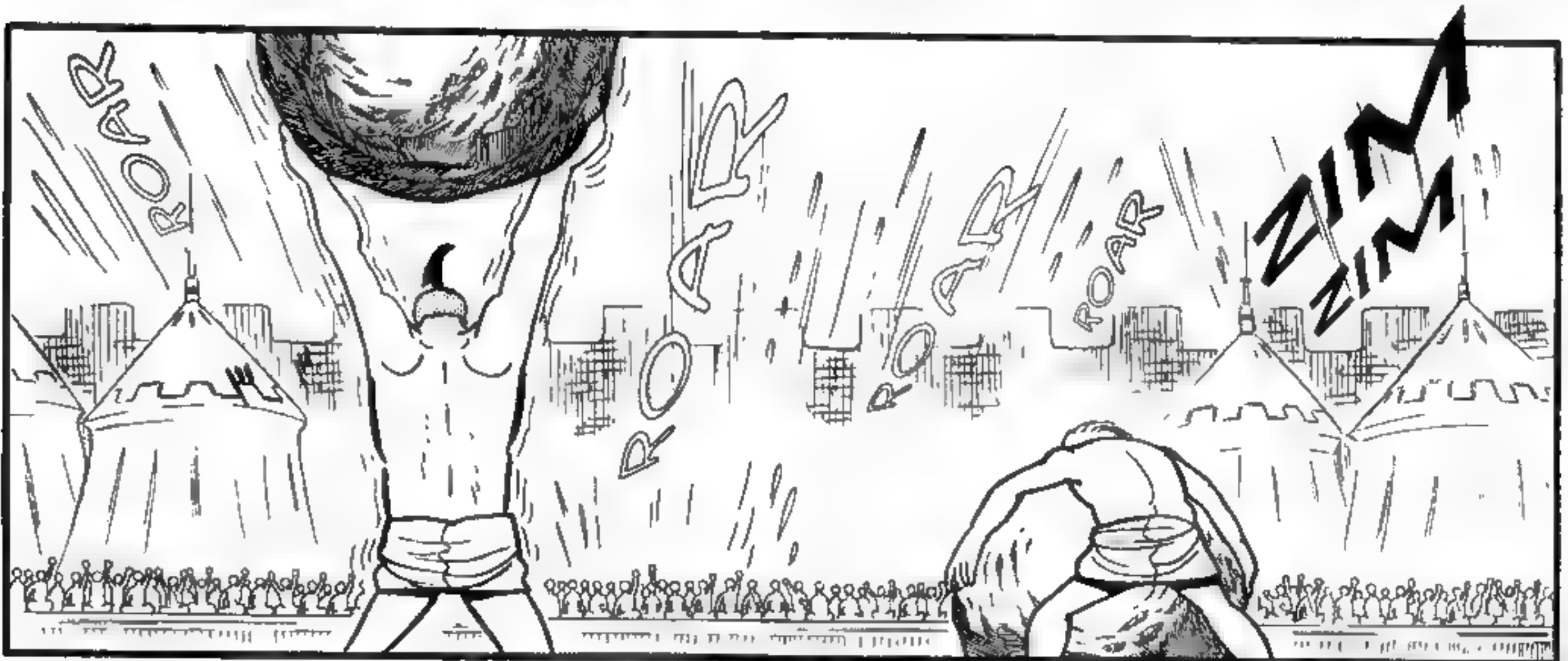


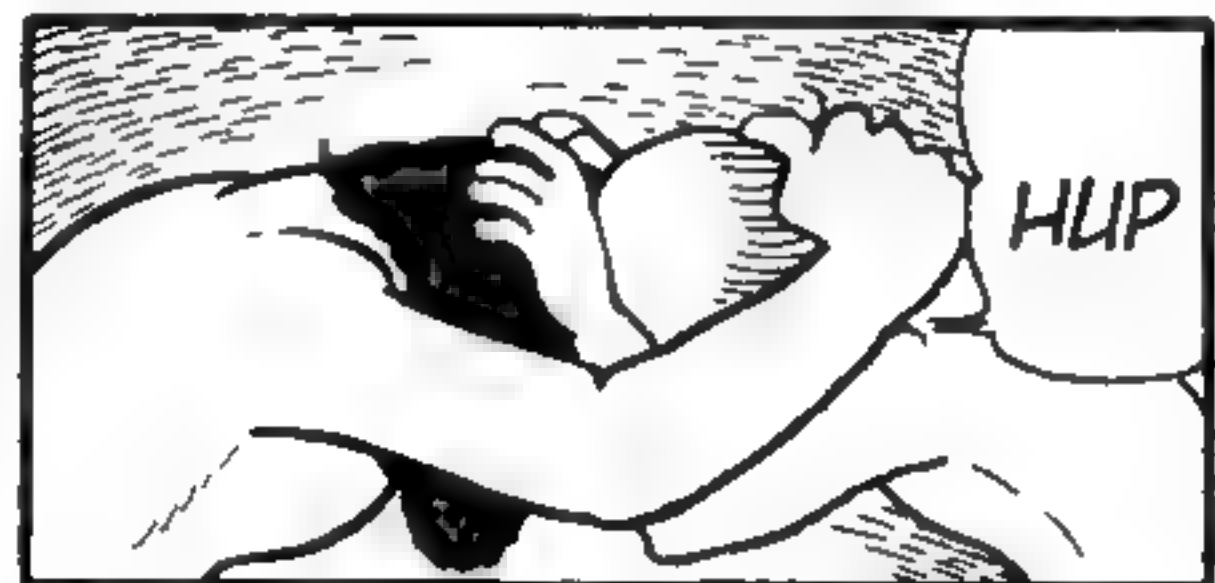


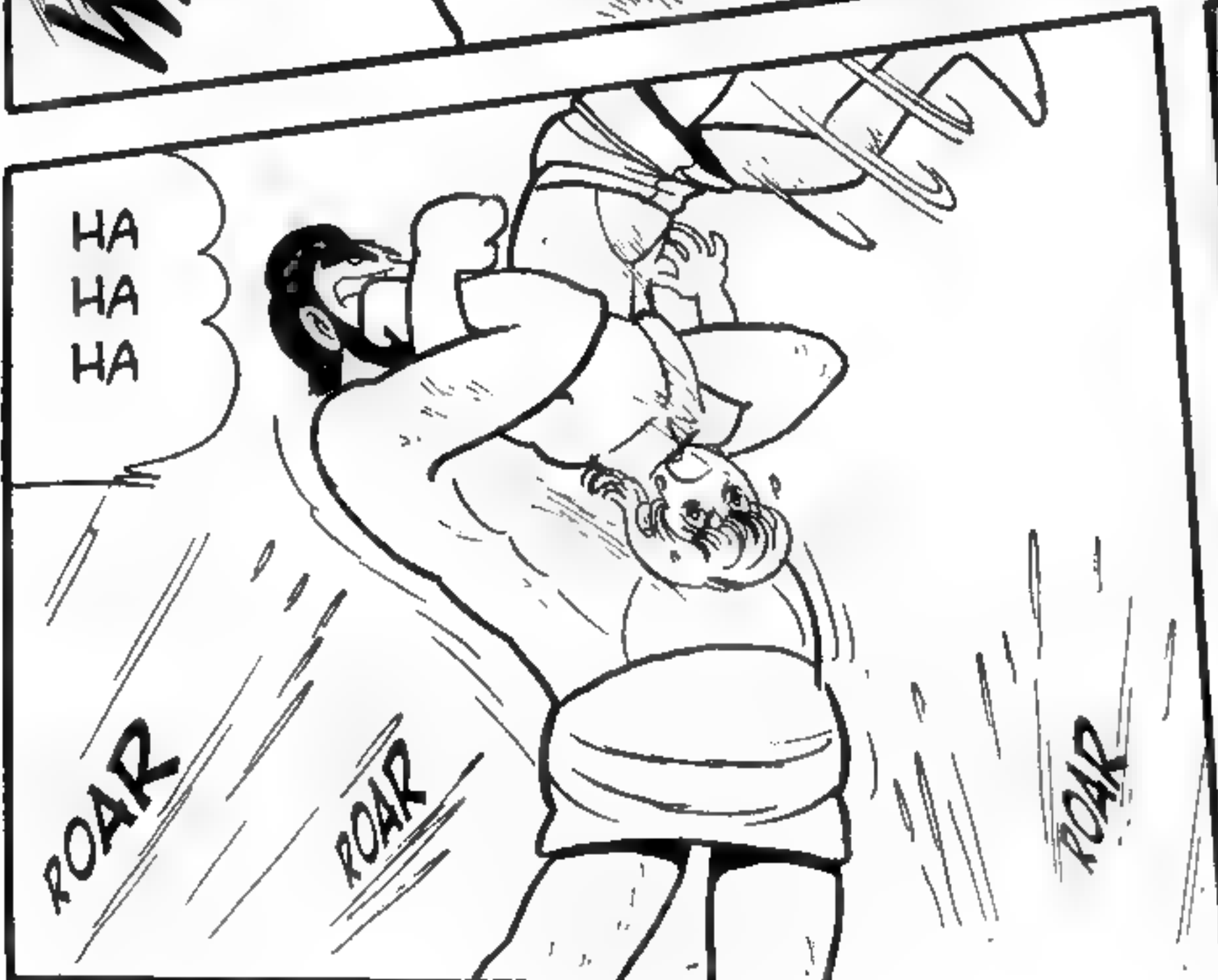
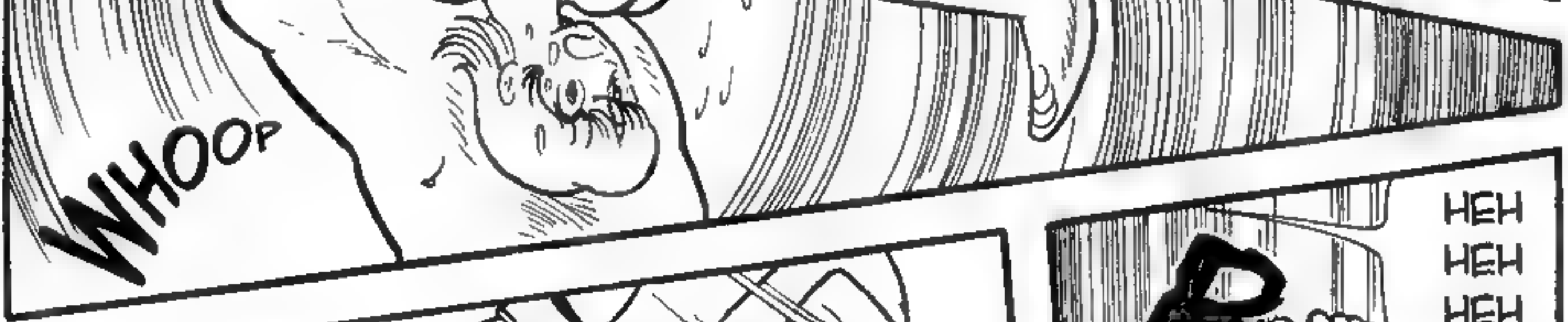
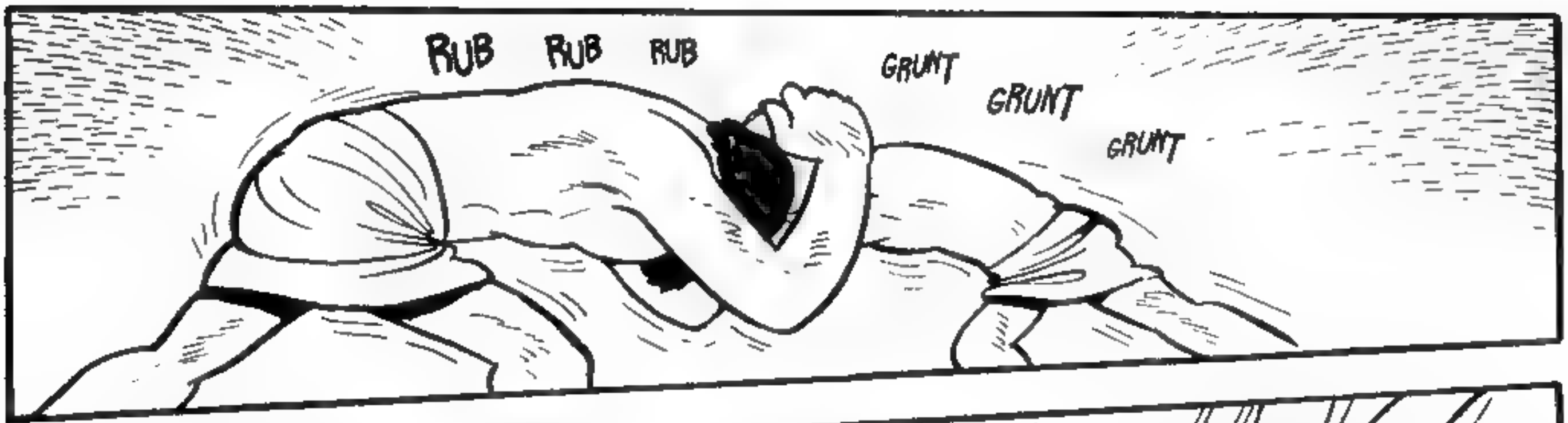


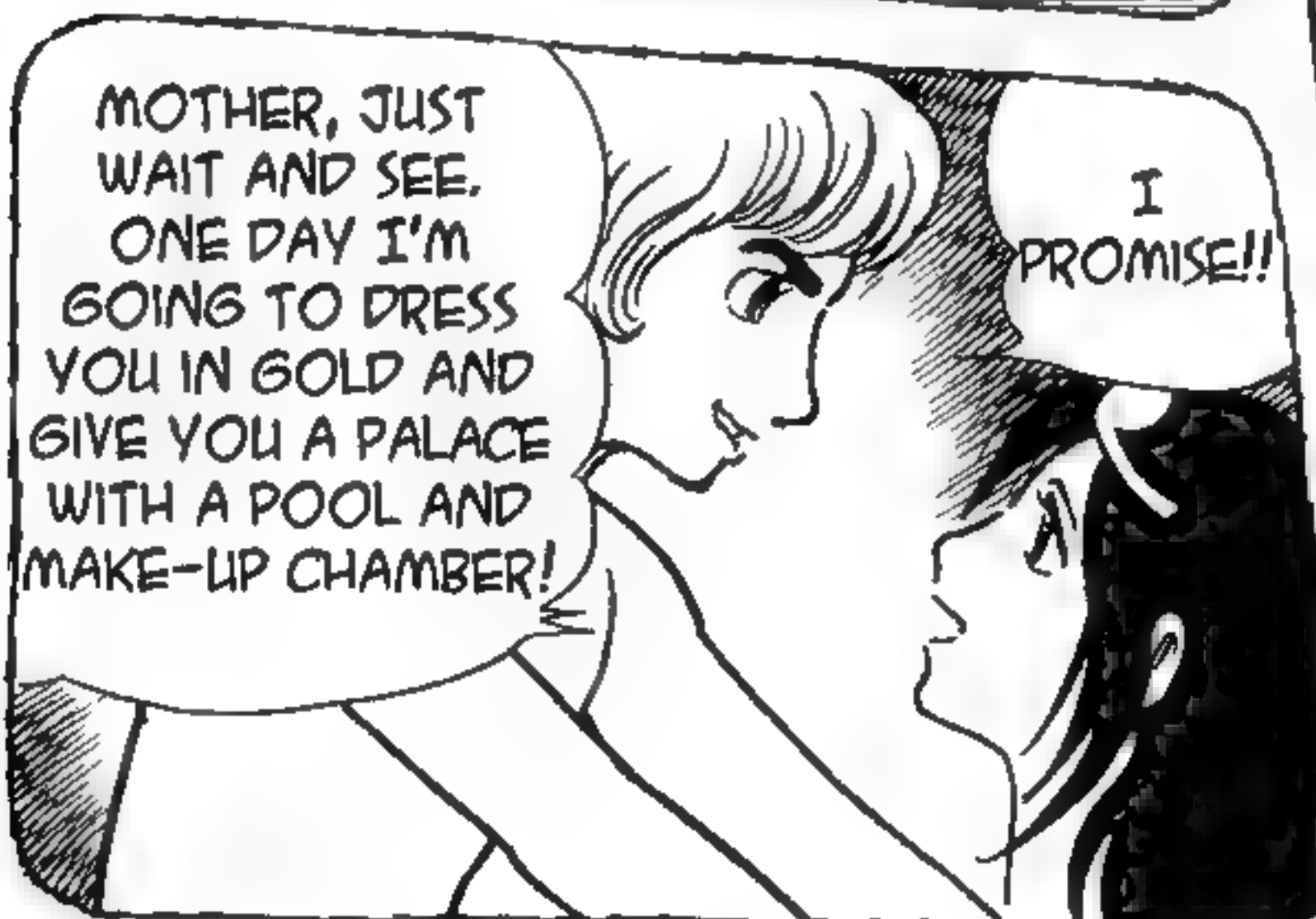


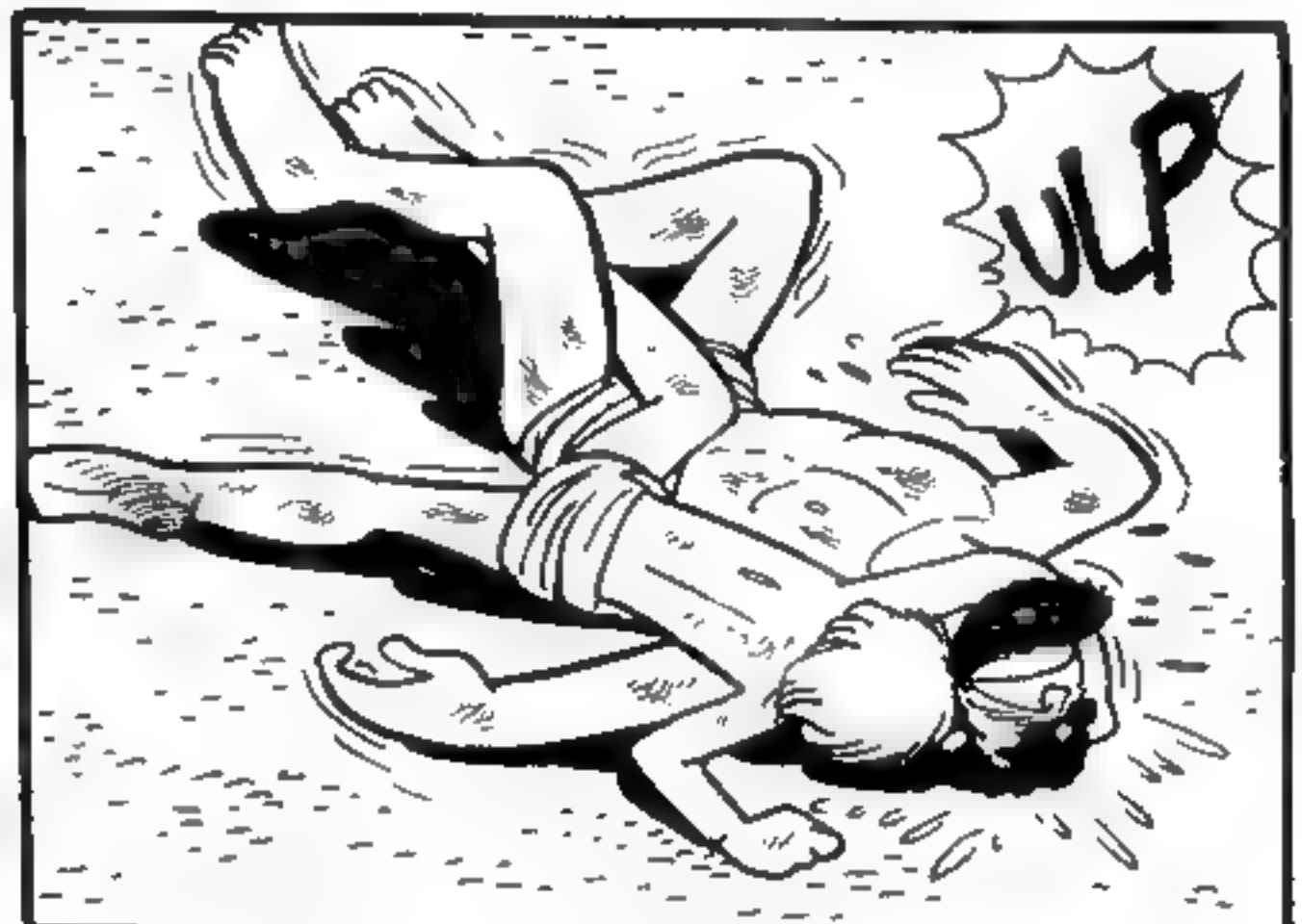
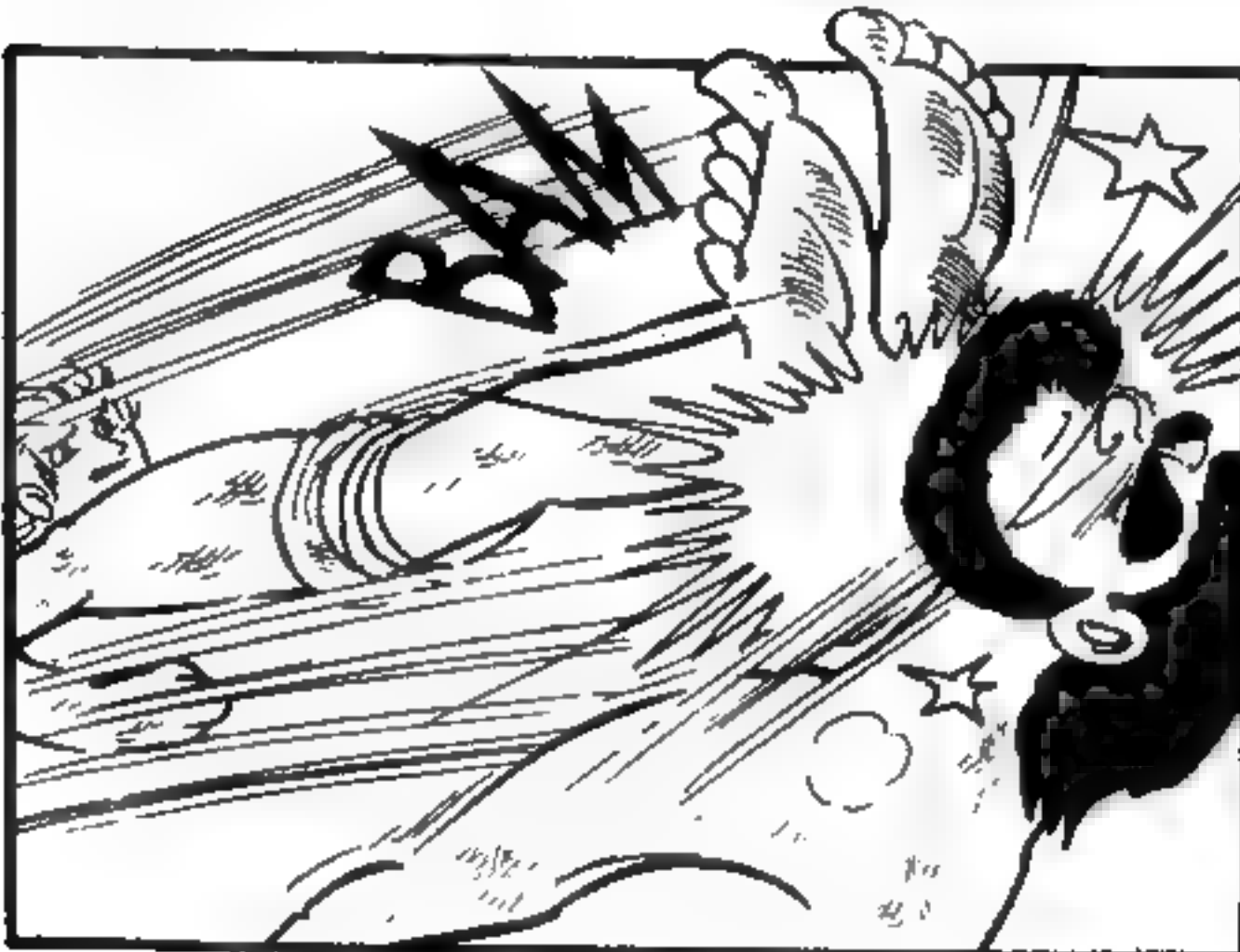
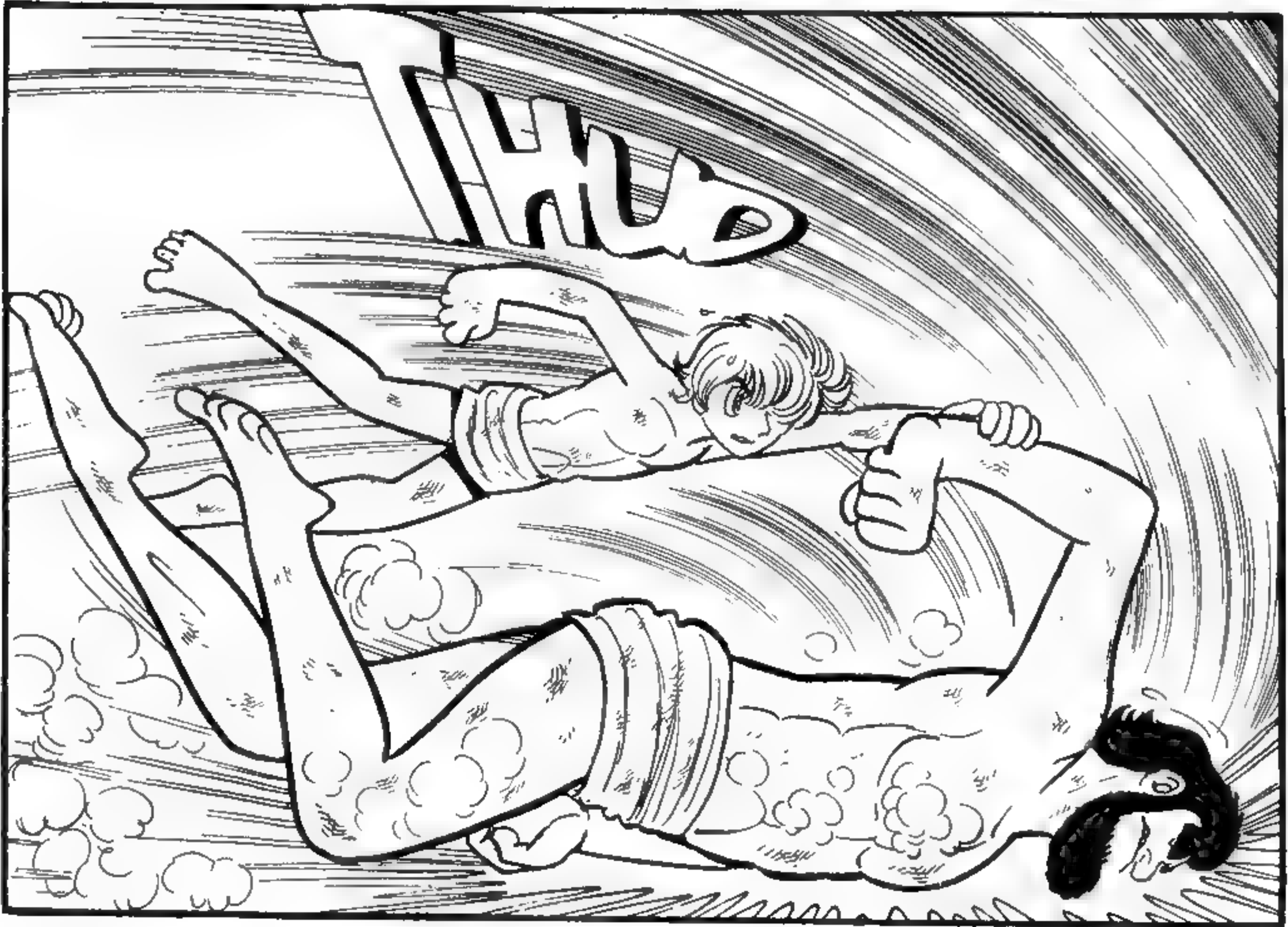
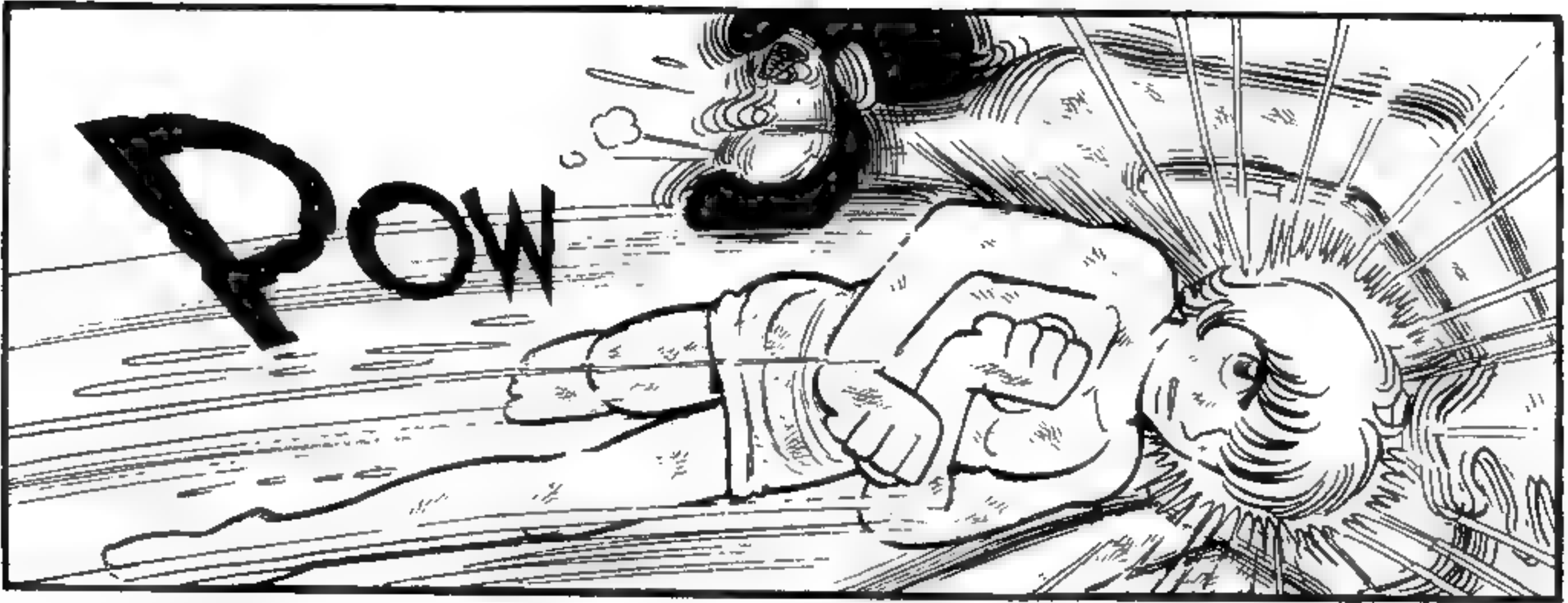


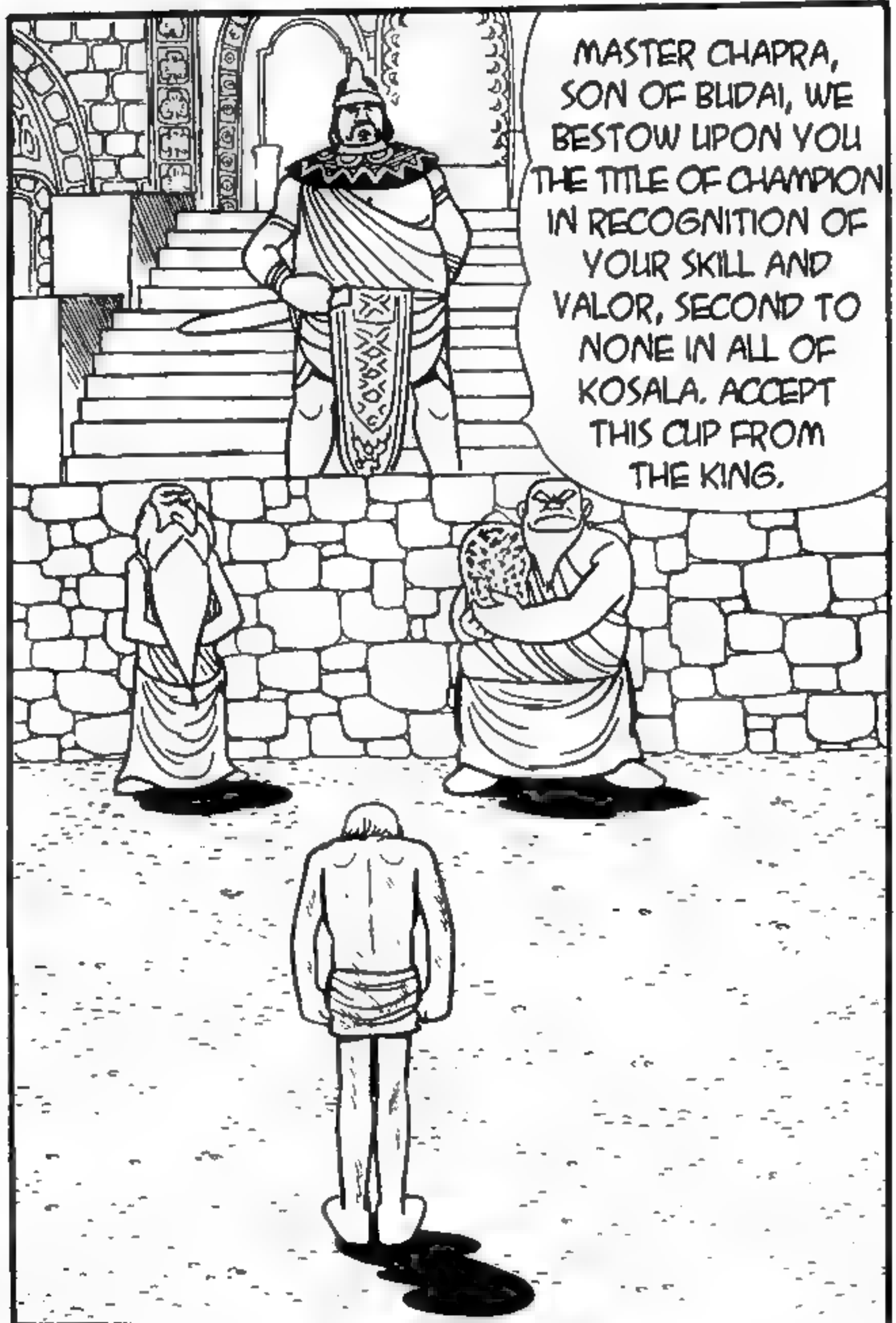
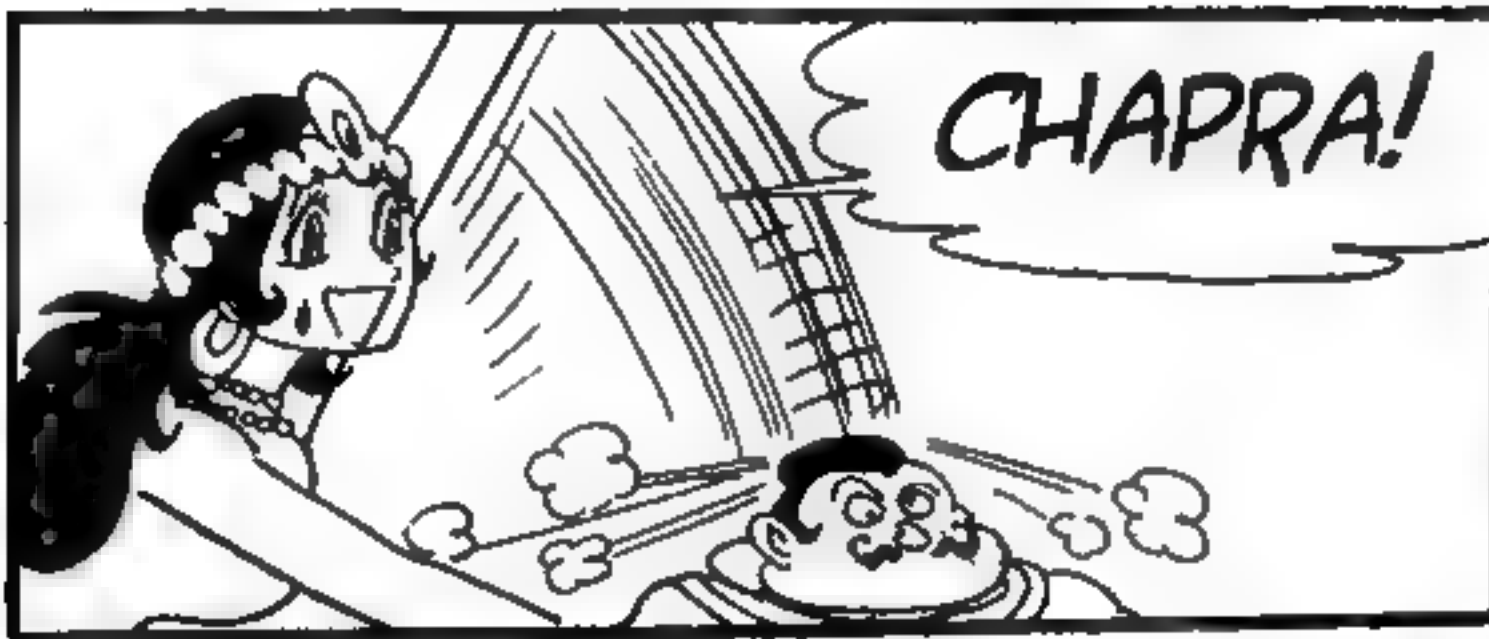


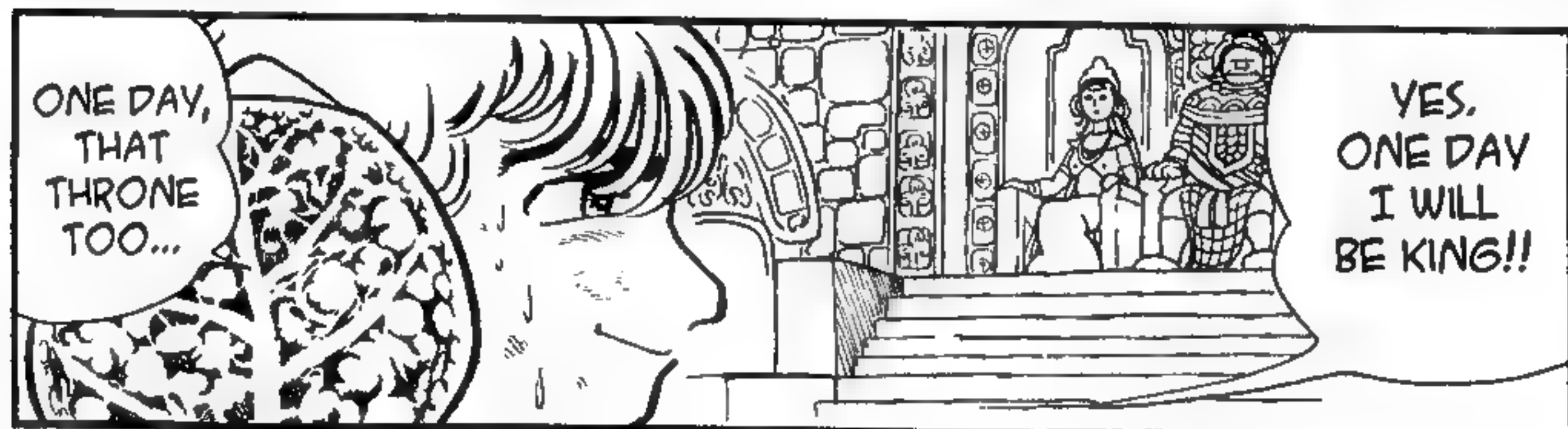
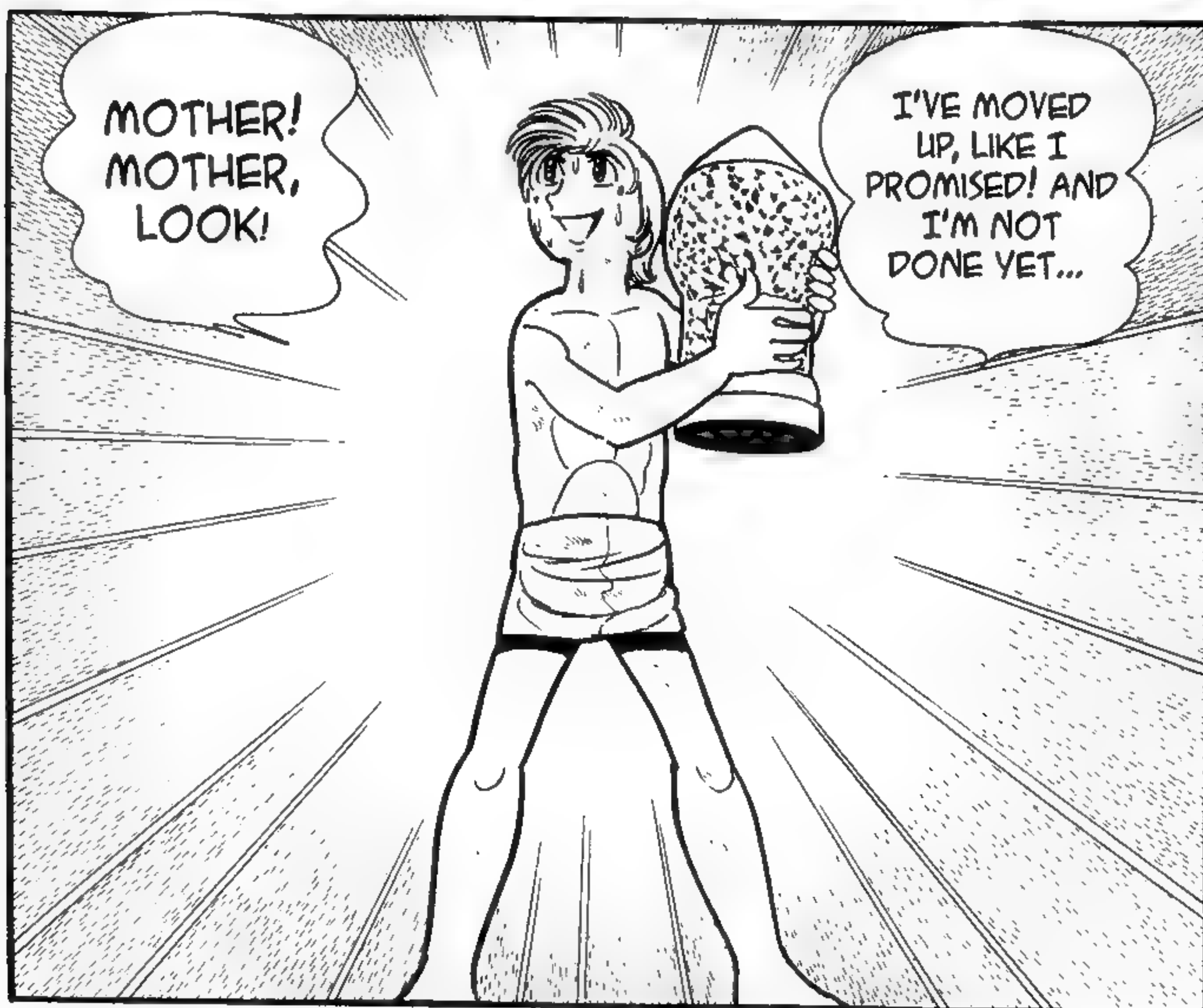
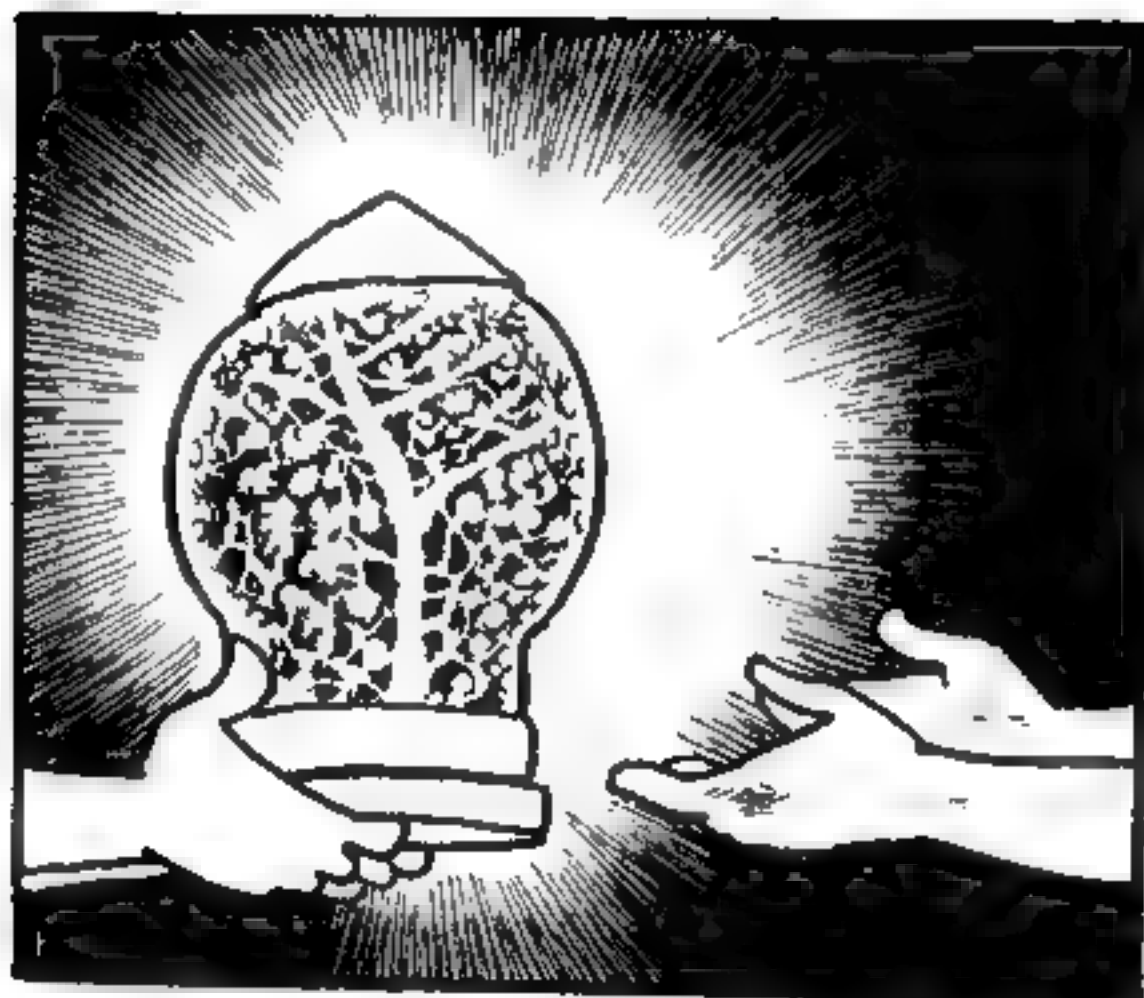






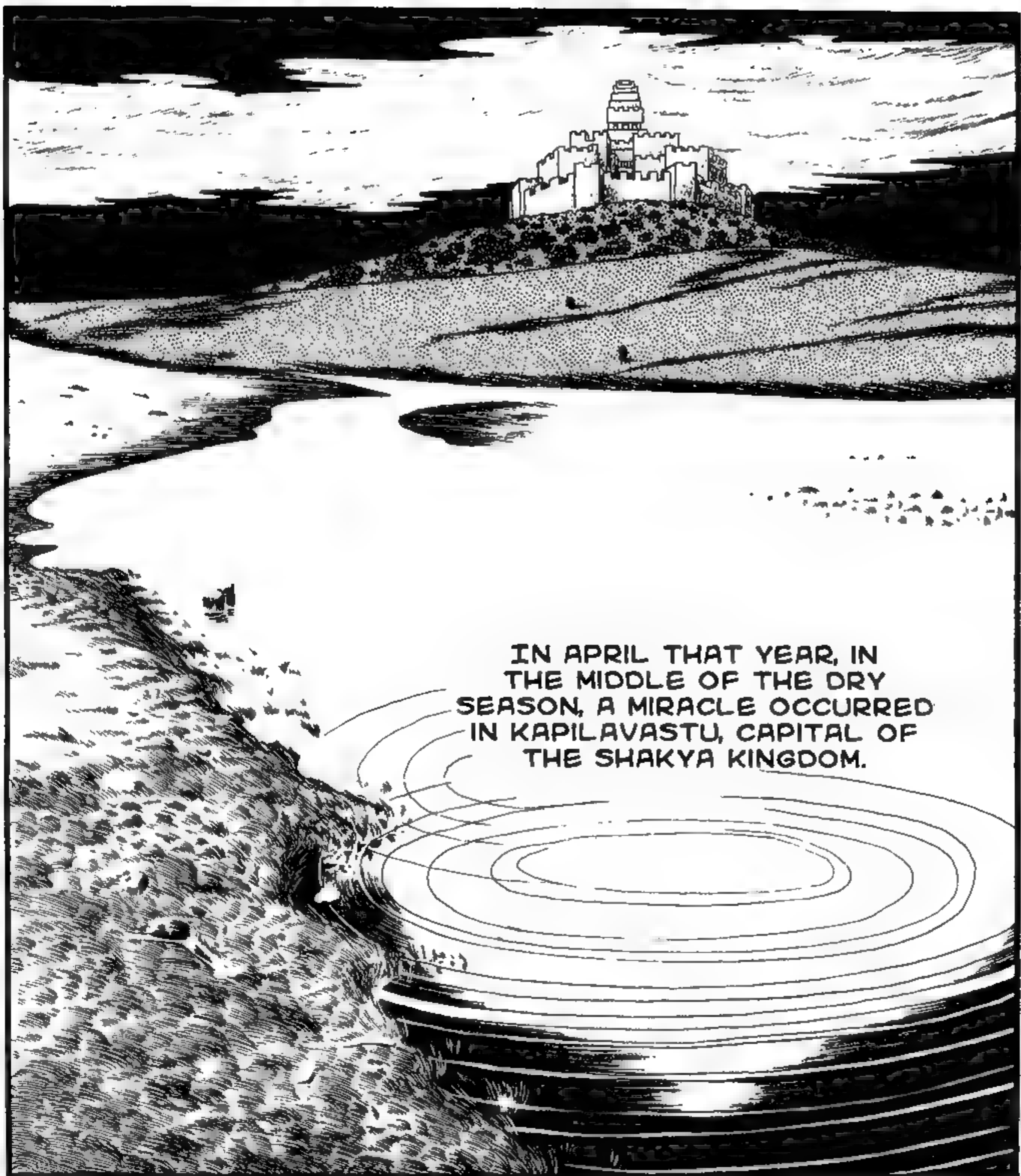






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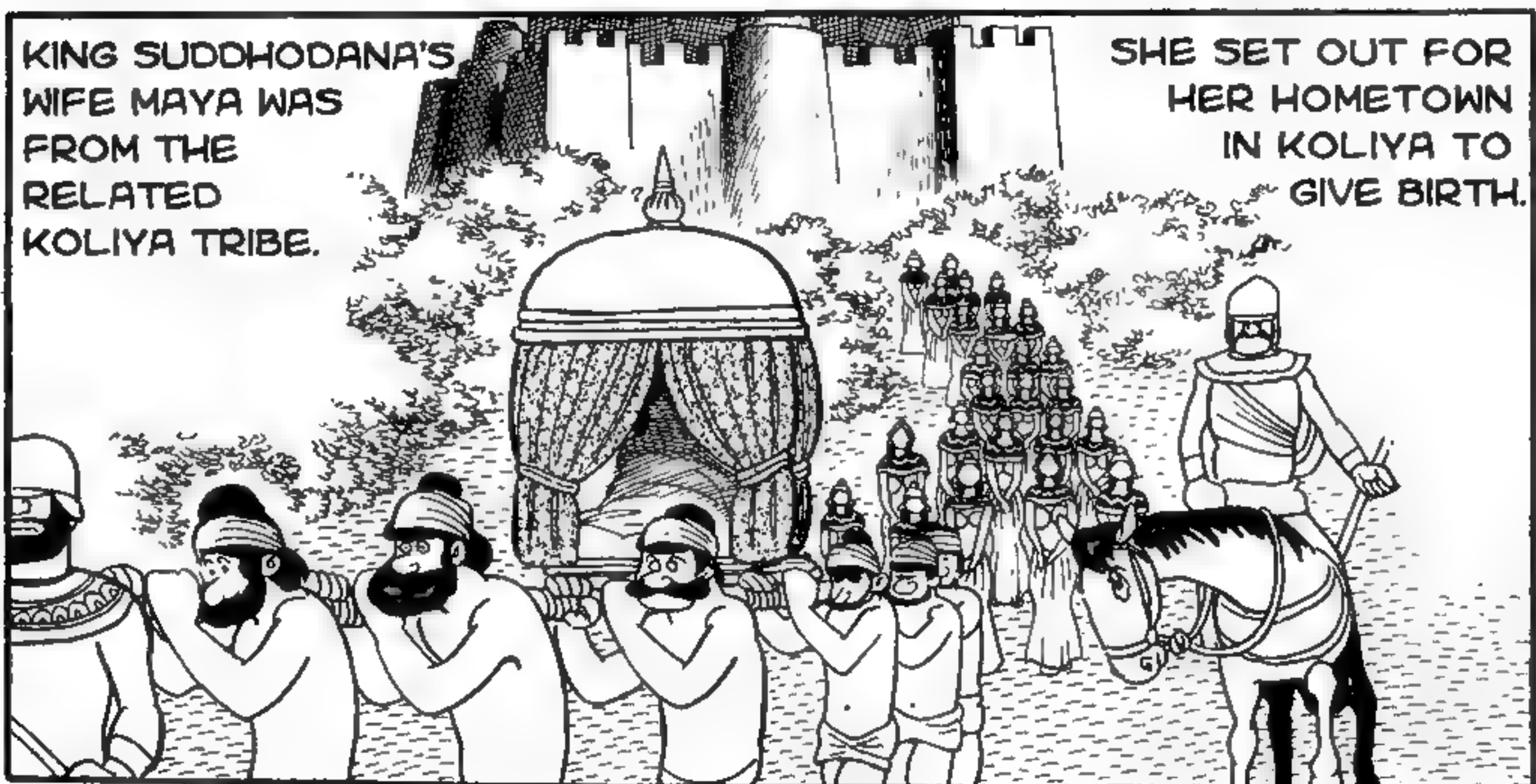
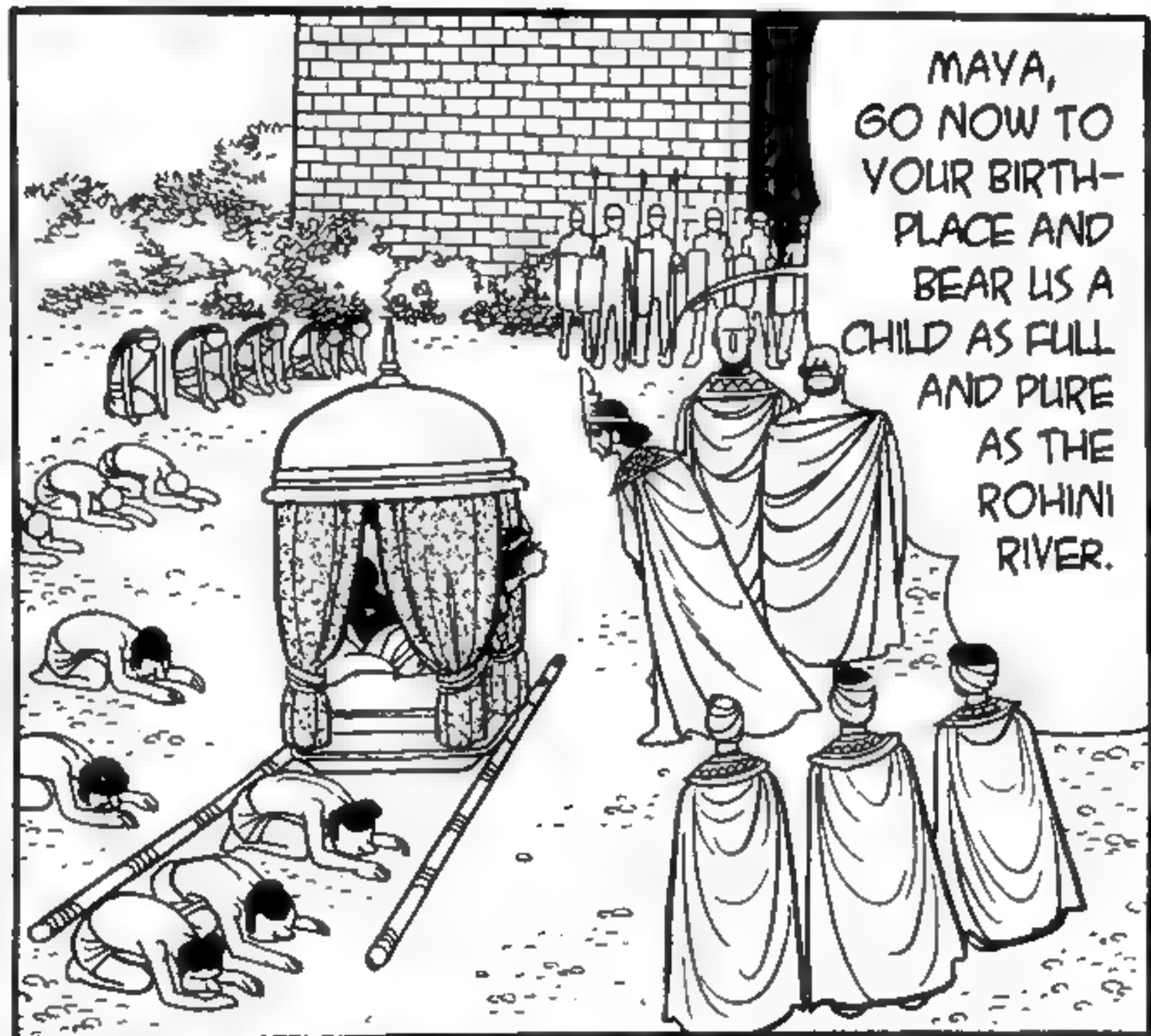
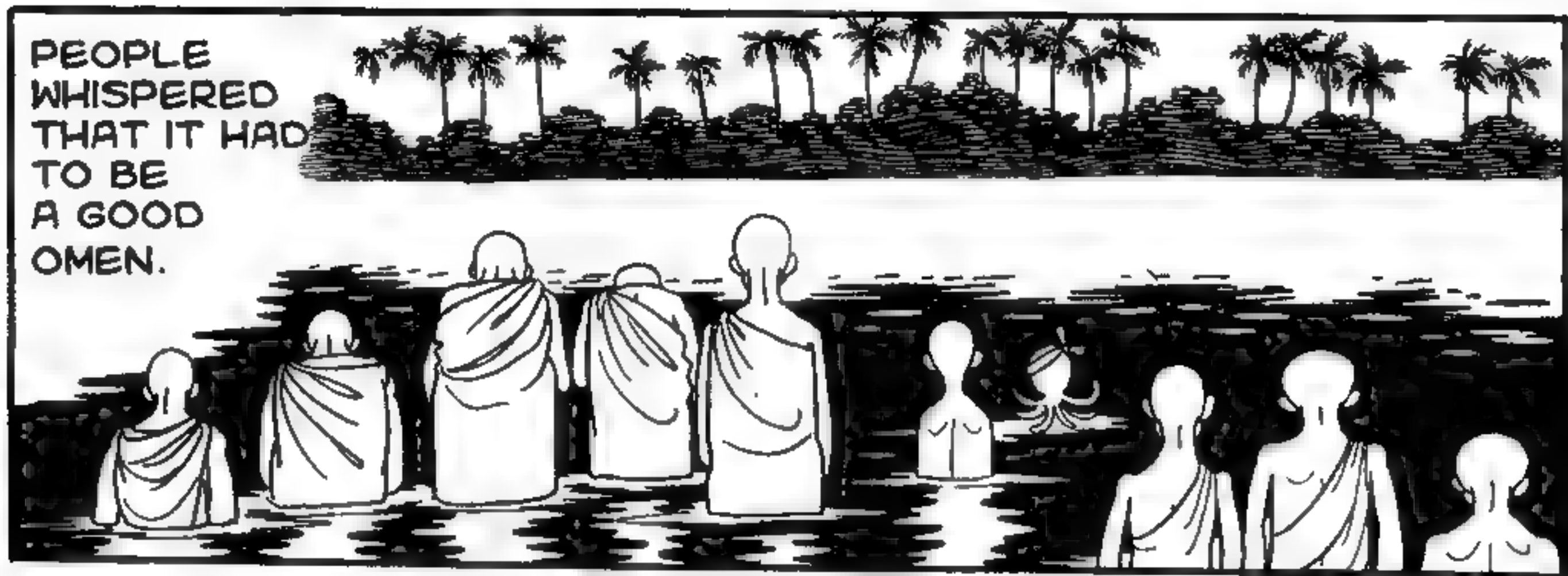
THE BIRTH

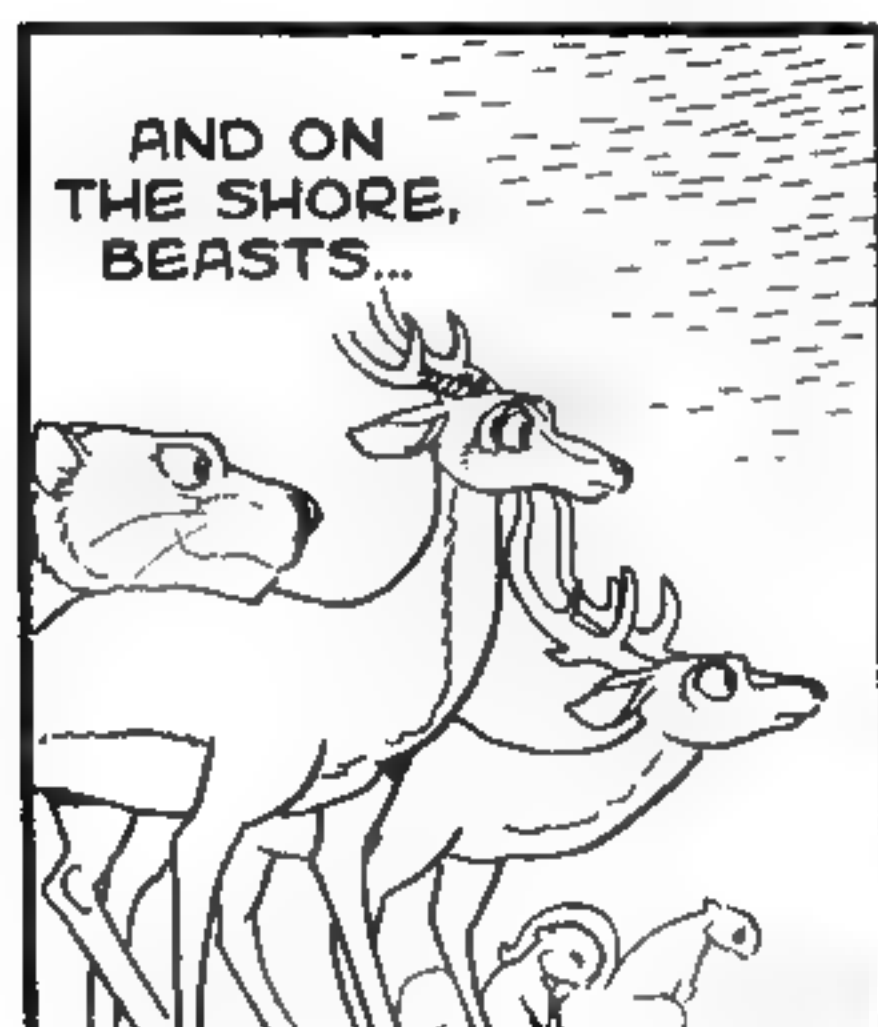
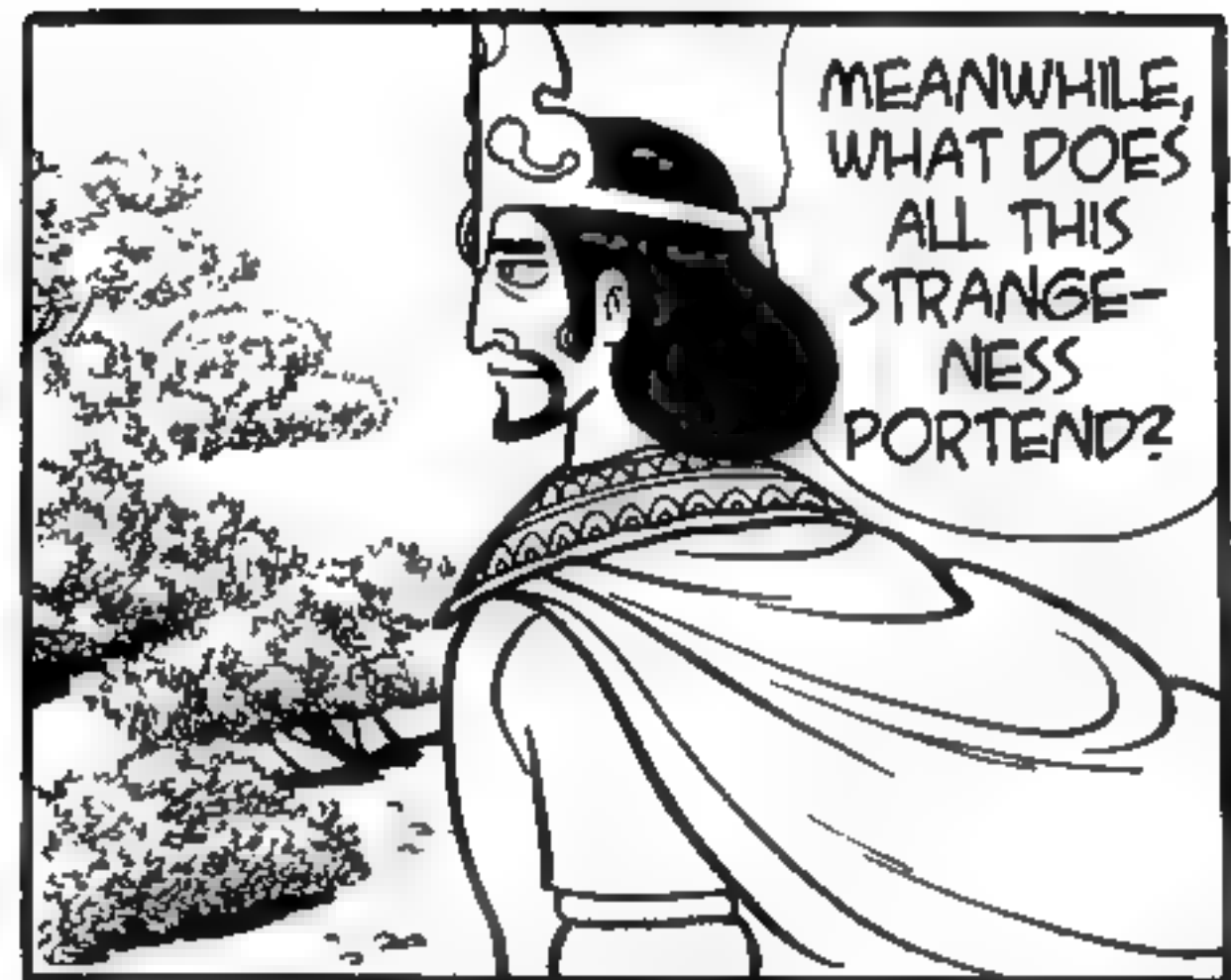
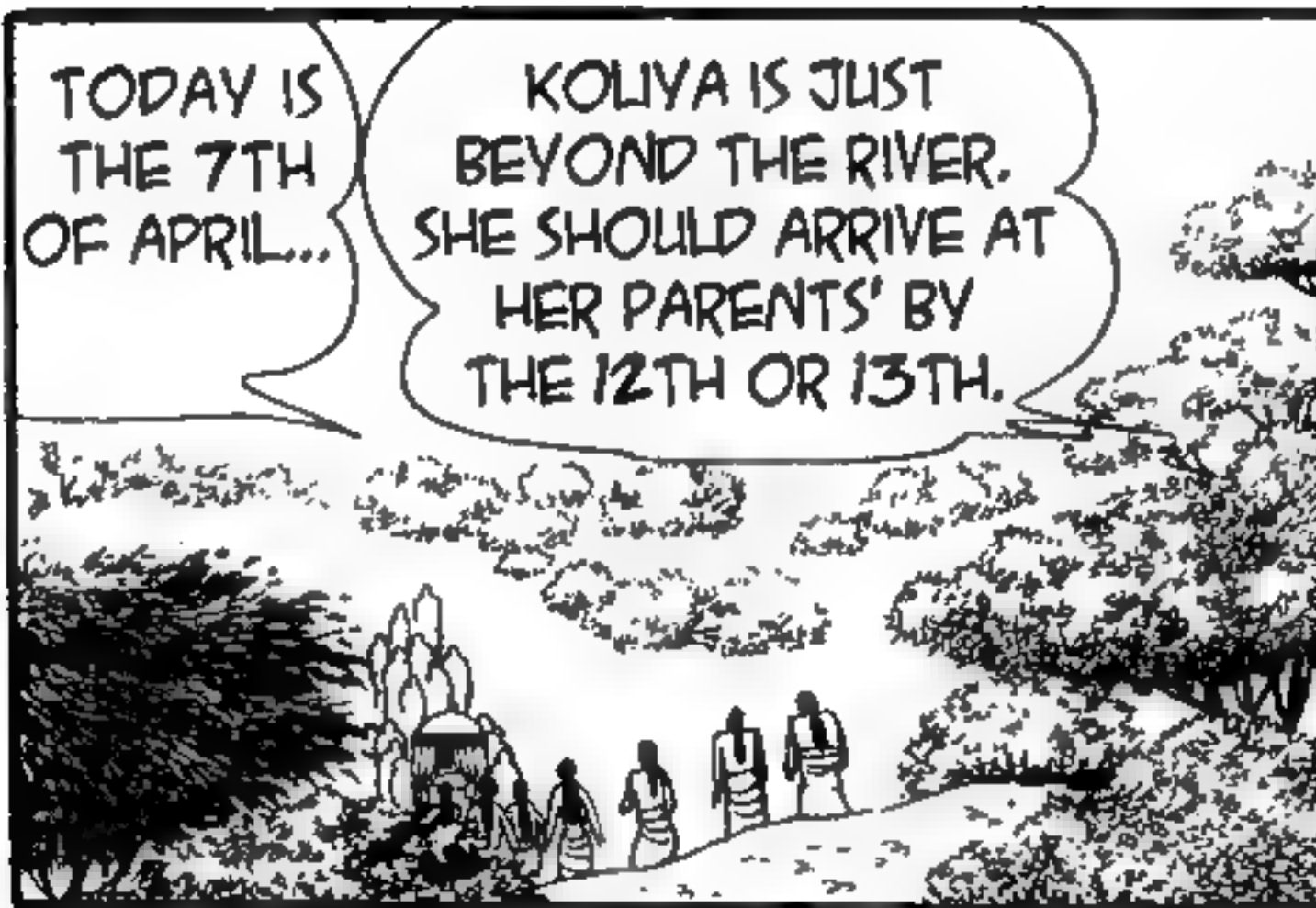


IN APRIL THAT YEAR, IN
THE MIDDLE OF THE DRY
SEASON, A MIRACLE OCCURRED
IN KAPILAVASTU, CAPITAL OF
THE SHAKYA KINGDOM.



THE ROHINI RIVER,
WHICH MARKED ITS
BORDER, DID NOT
DRY UP DESPITE
THE 110-DEGREE
HEAT.







THESE
MUST BE
SIGNS OF
GREATER
THINGS TO
COME.

THE
CHILD
TO BE
BORN...



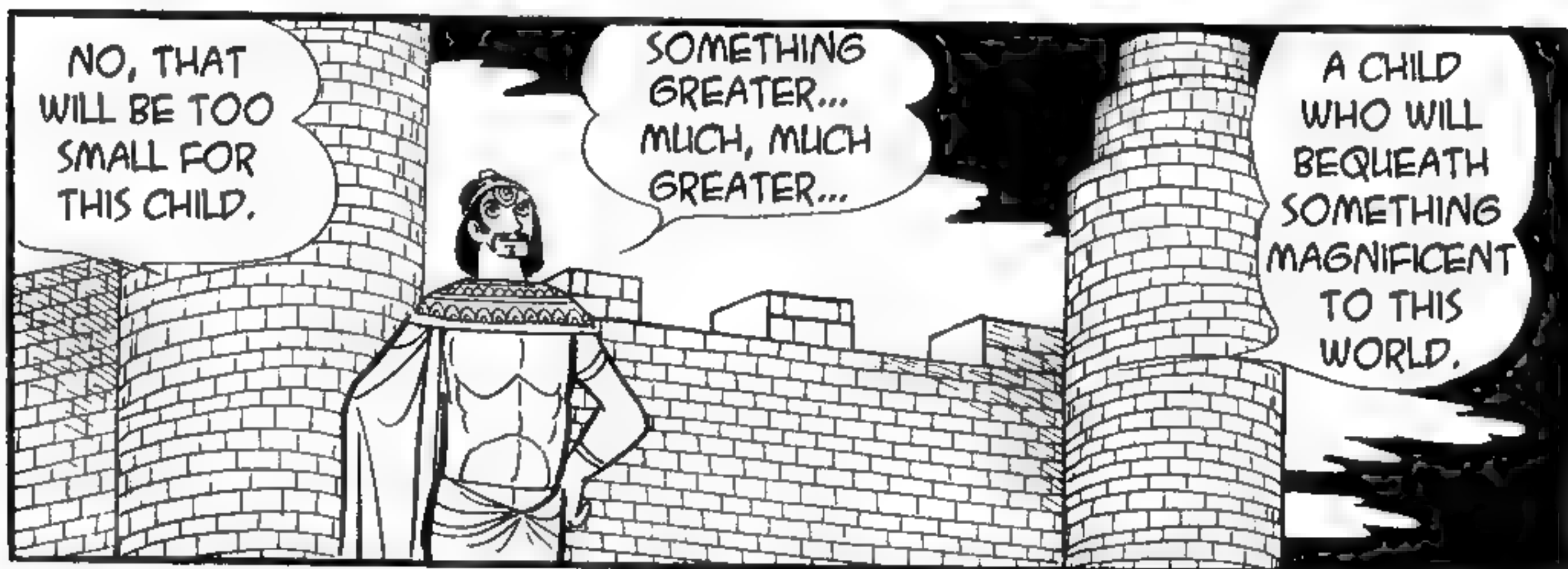
MUST BE
QUITE
EXTRAORDINARY.
I CANNOT
HELP FEELING
SO.



WE SHAKYA
ARE A SMALL,
WEAK PEOPLE.
MORE
POWERFUL
NEIGHBORS
HARASS US
CONTINUOUSLY...

THE CHILD
TO BE
BORN...

COULD
BECOME
OUR SAVIOR,
LEADING
US SHAKYA
TO UNTOLD
GLORY.



NO, THAT
WILL BE TOO
SMALL FOR
THIS CHILD.

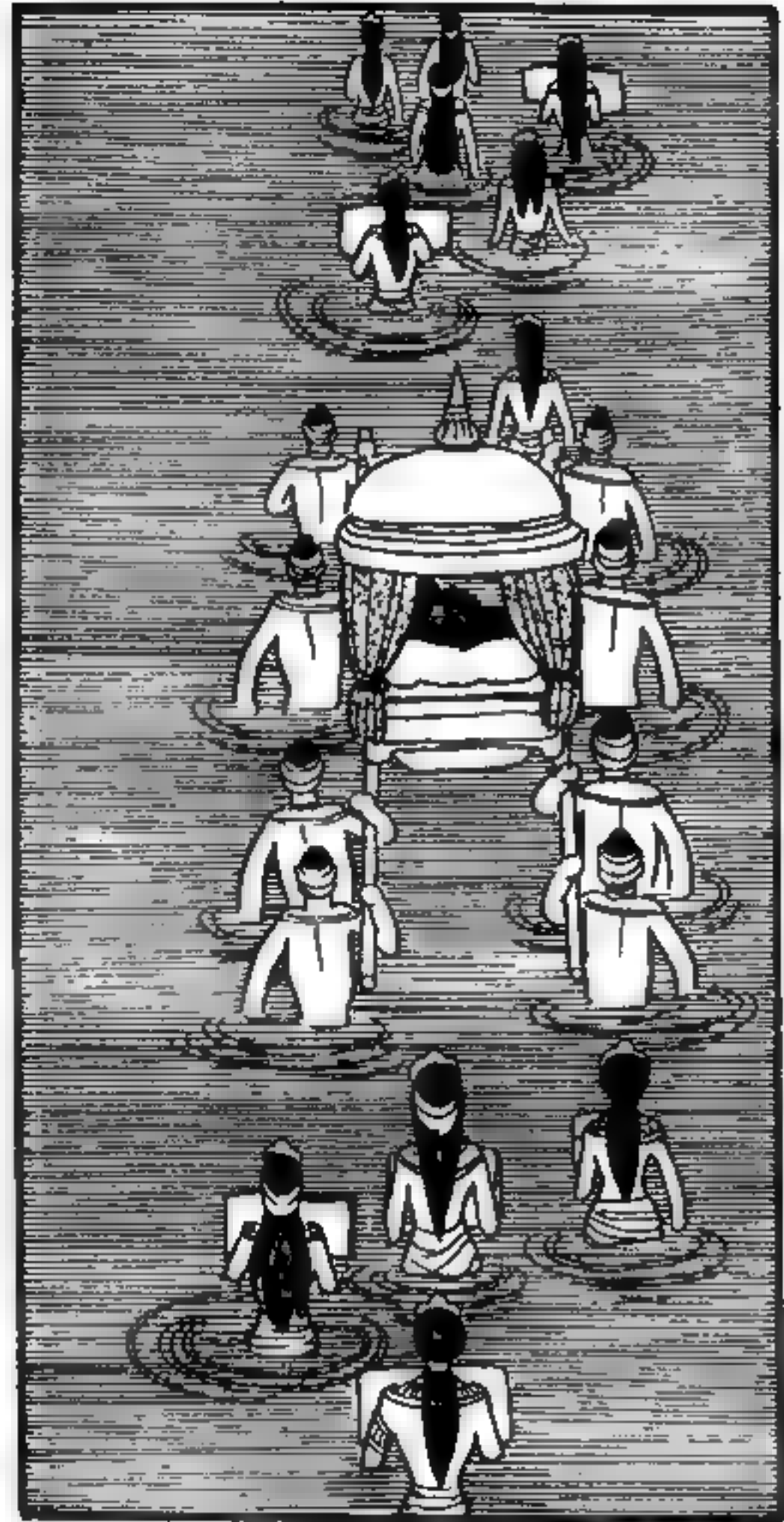
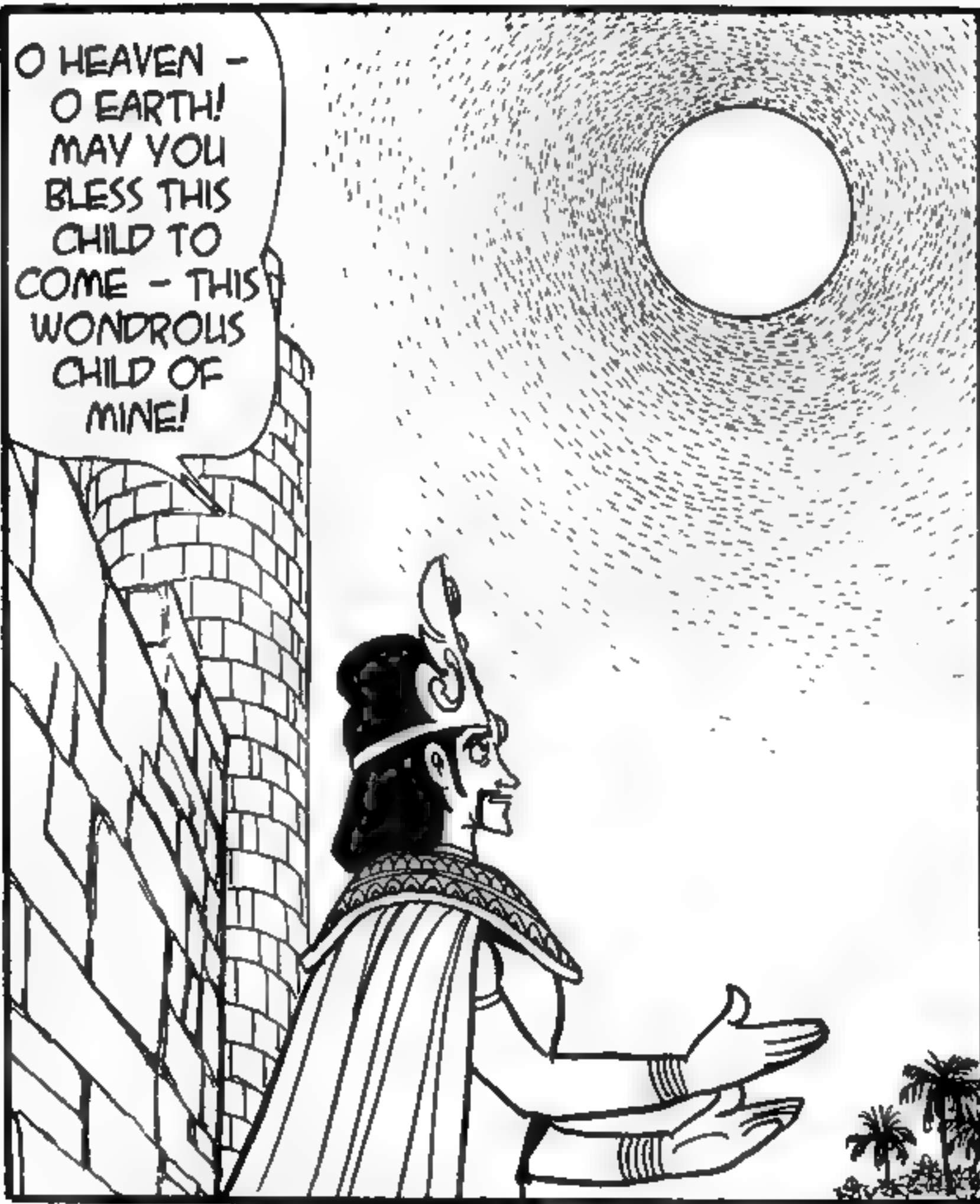
SOMETHING
GREATER...
MUCH, MUCH
GREATER...

A CHILD
WHO WILL
BEQUEATH
SOMETHING
MAGNIFICENT
TO THIS
WORLD.



A GIFT AS
LARGE AND
BOUNDLESS
AS THE
GREAT SKY!

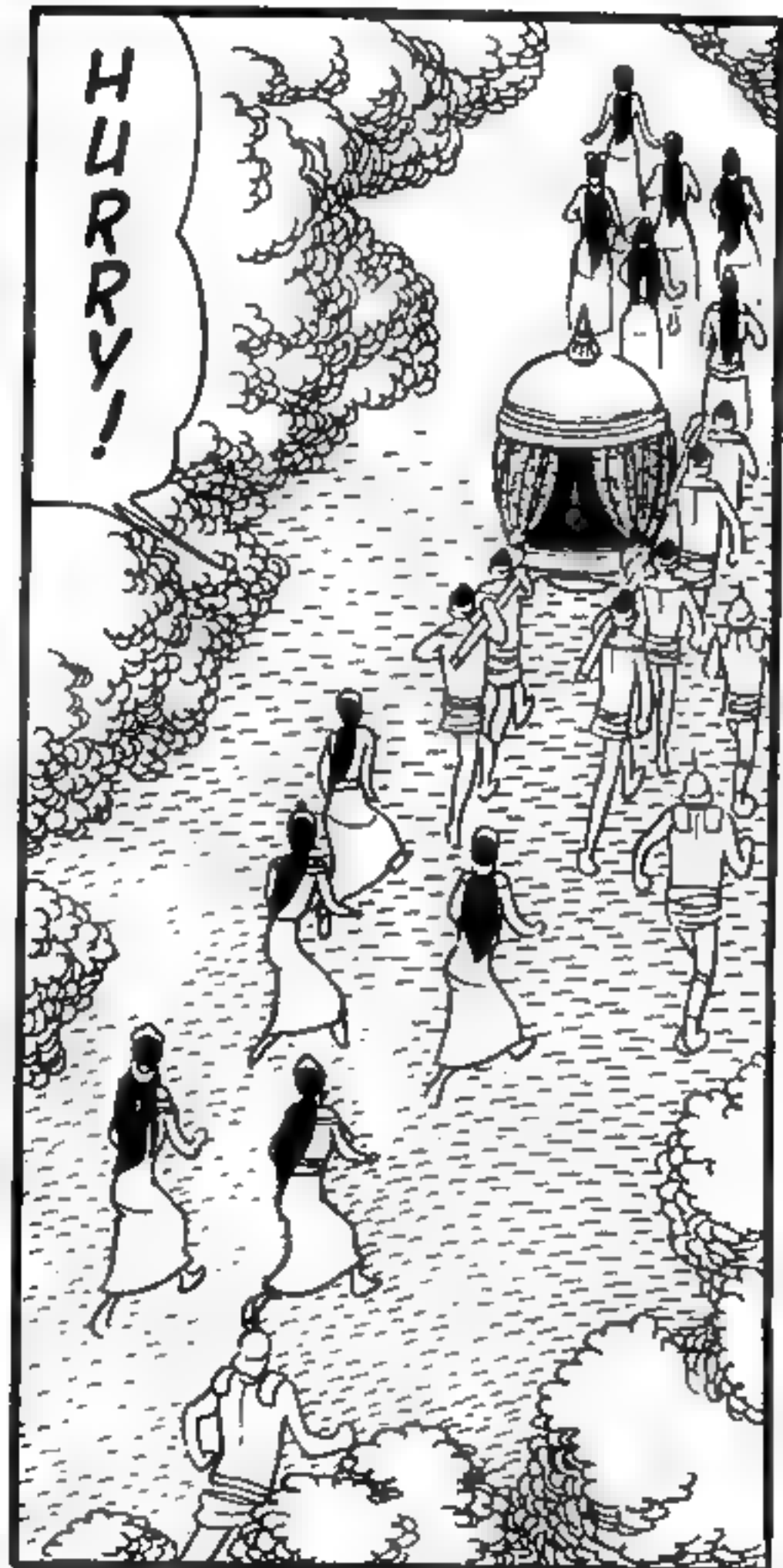
O HEAVEN -
O EARTH!
MAY YOU
BLESS THIS
CHILD TO
COME - THIS
WONDROUS
CHILD OF
MINE!

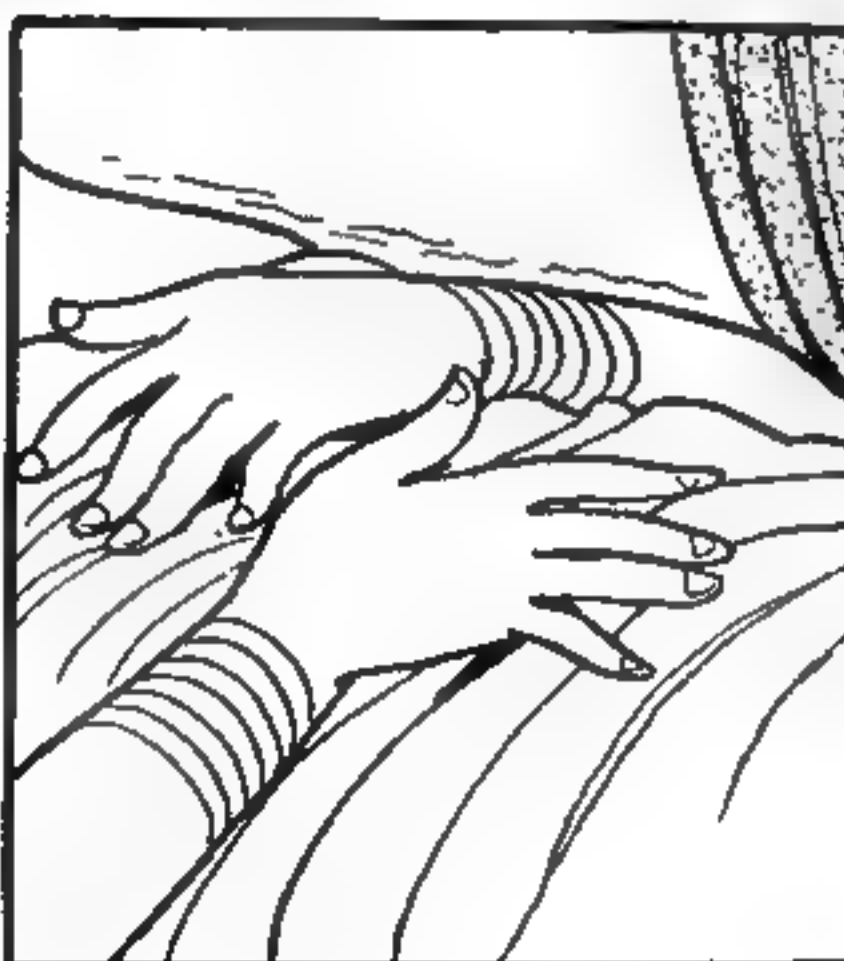
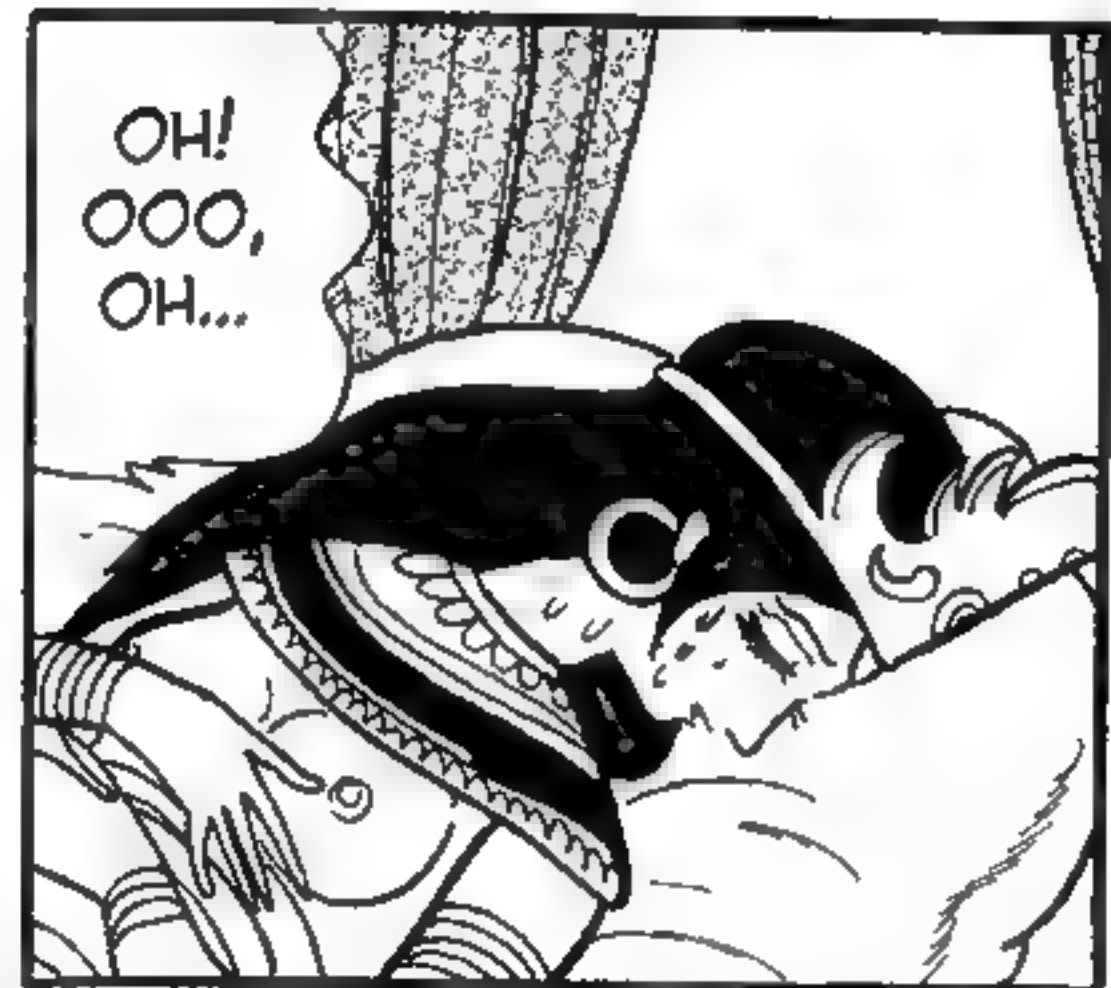


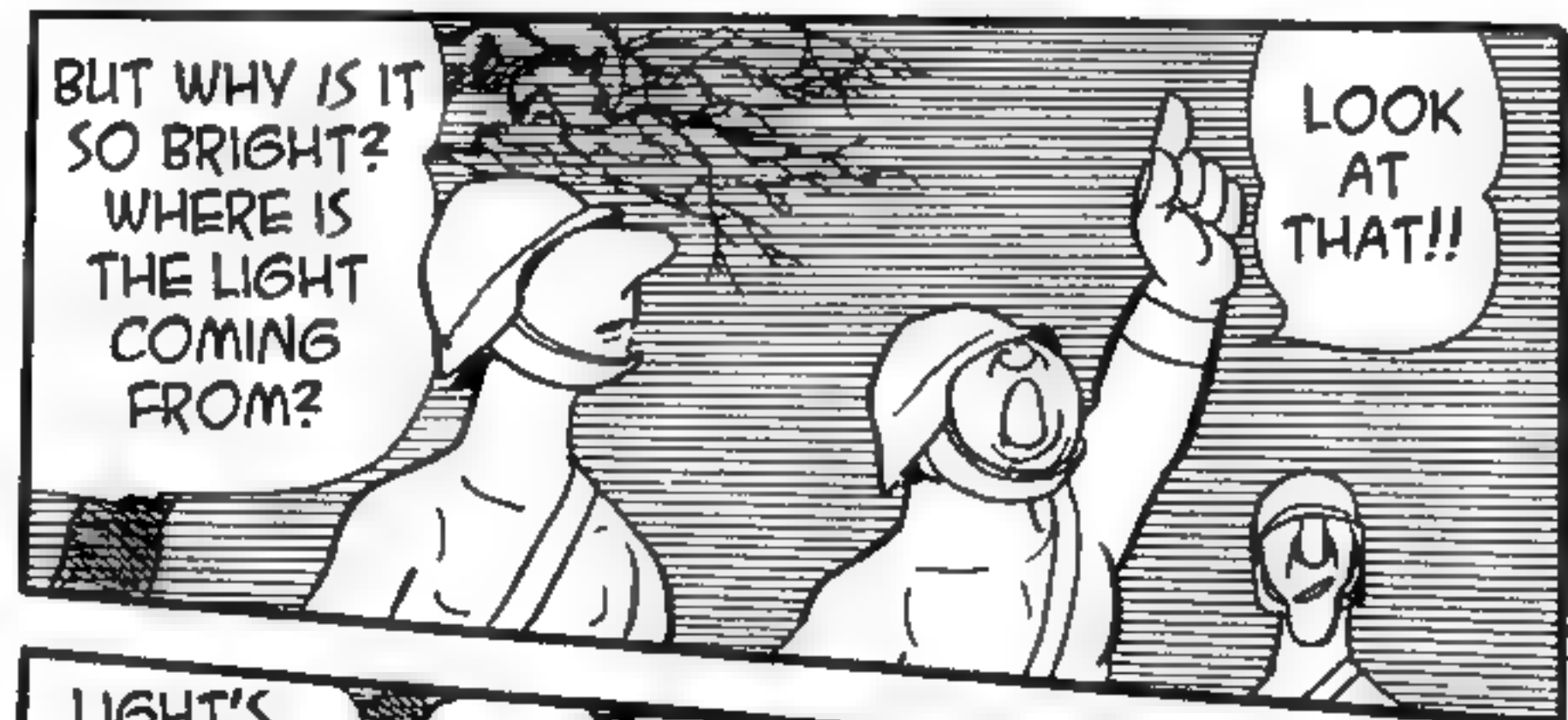
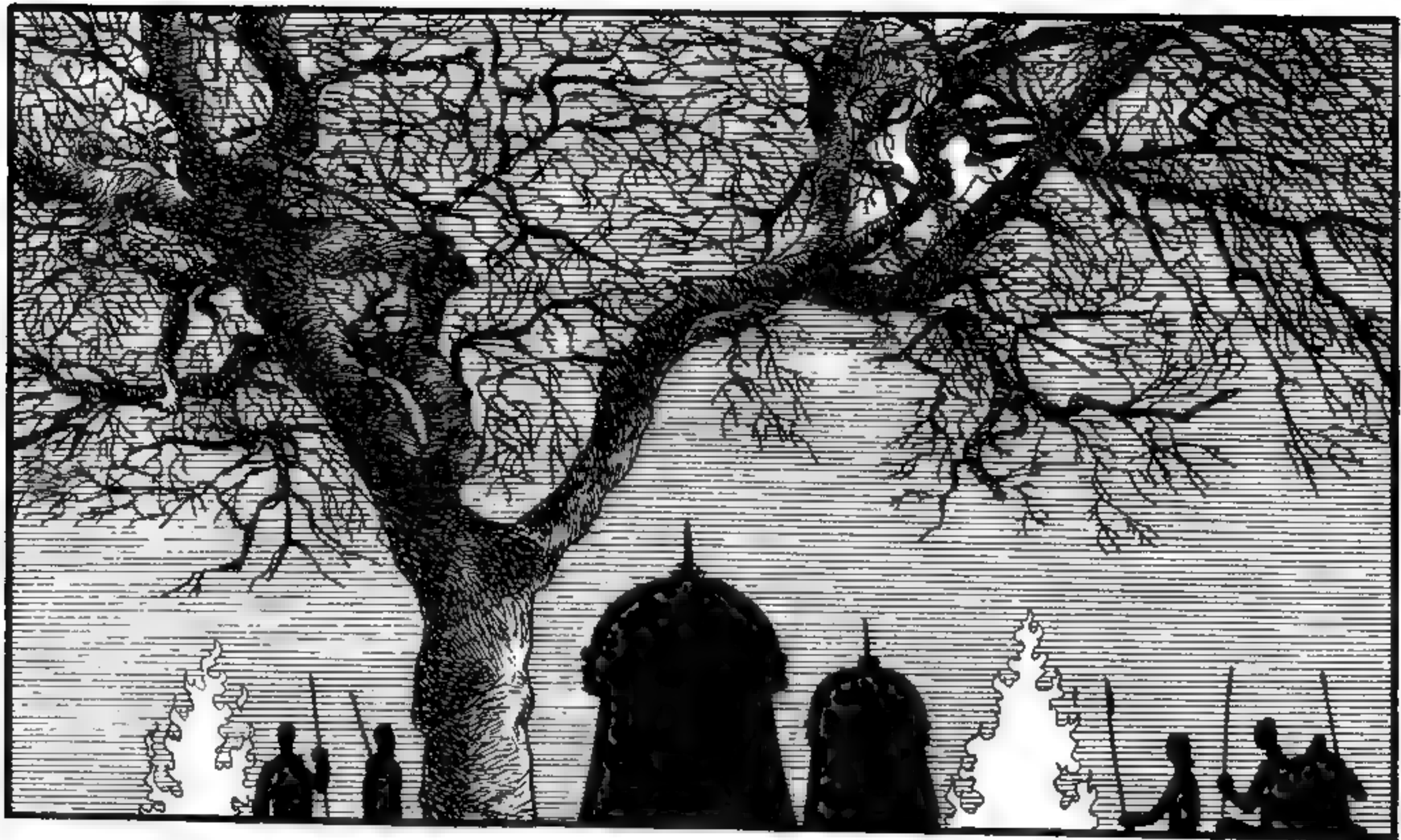
HURRY!
WE'VE GOT TO
REACH KOLIYA
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE!



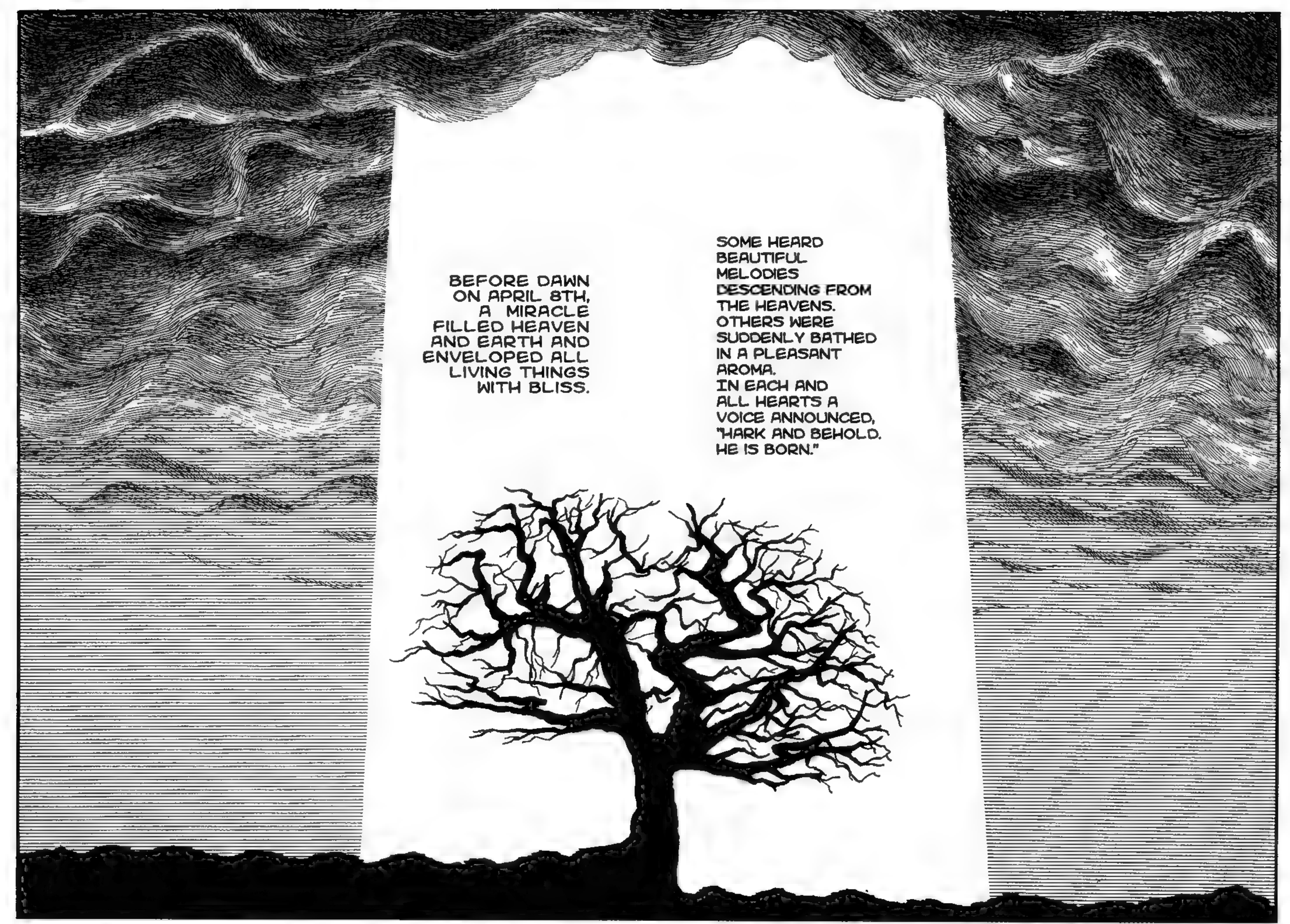
HURRY!





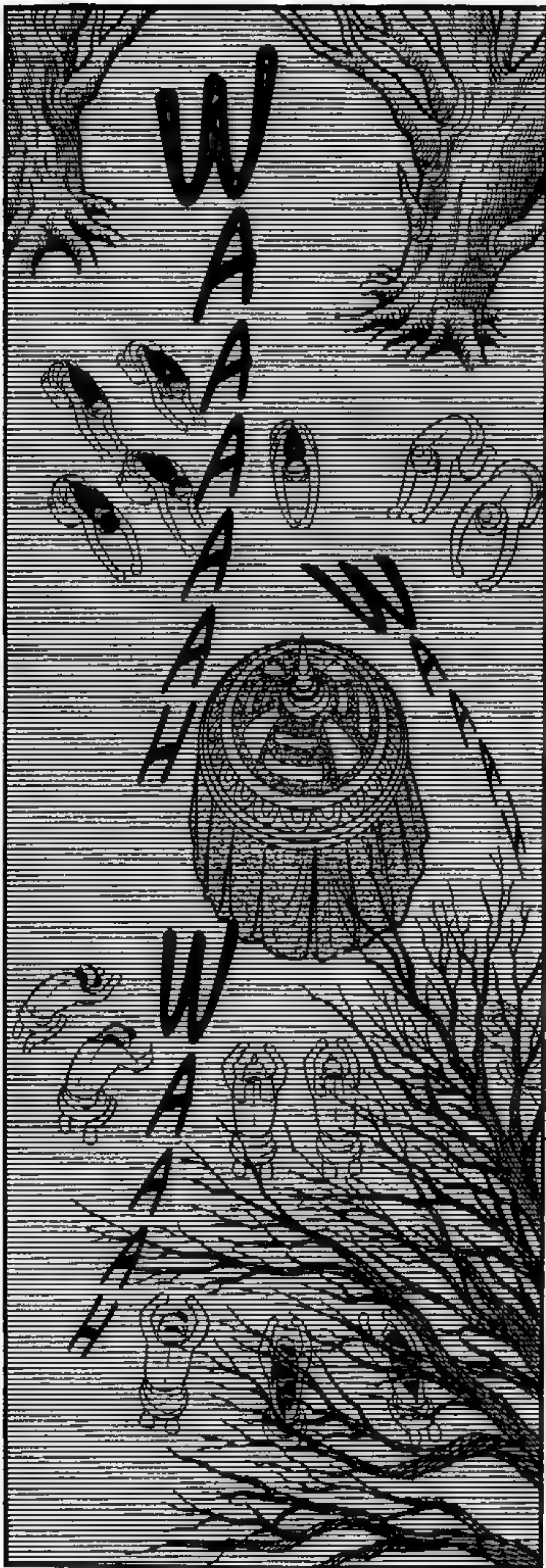


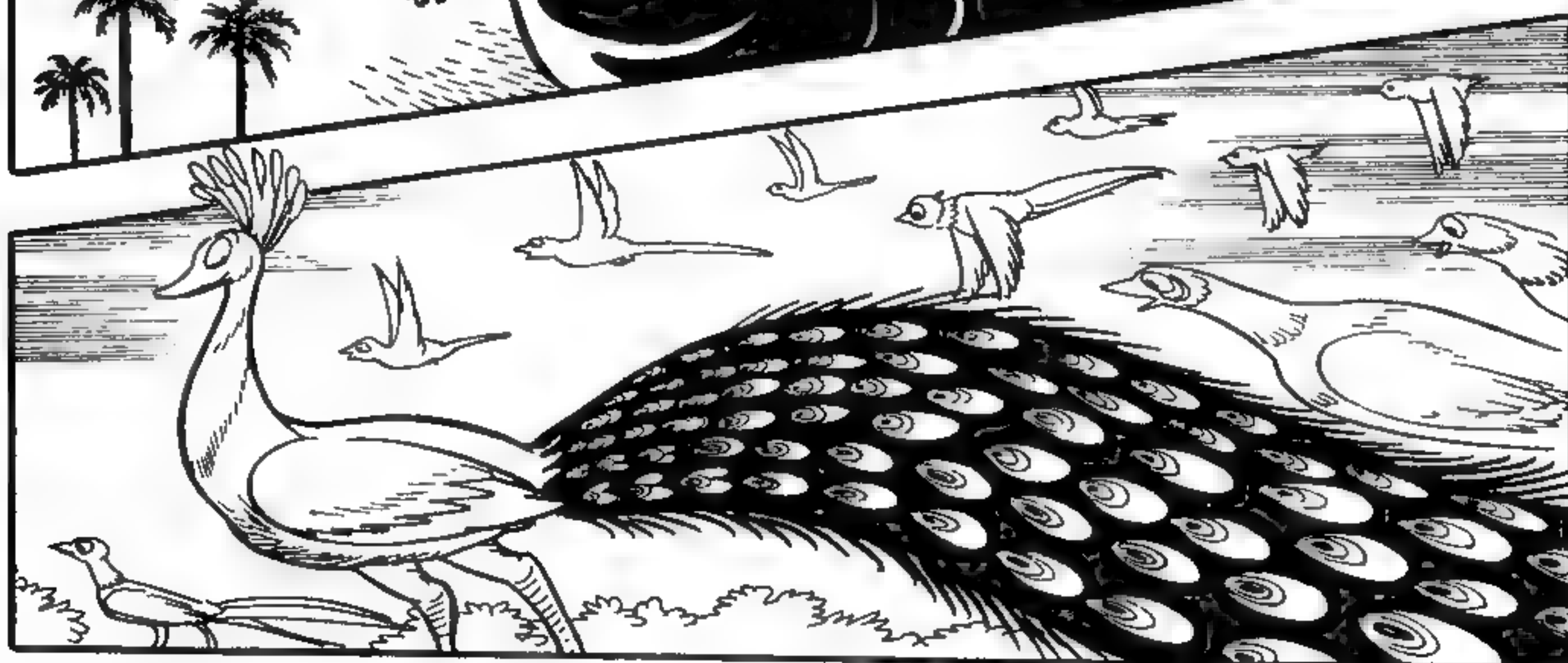
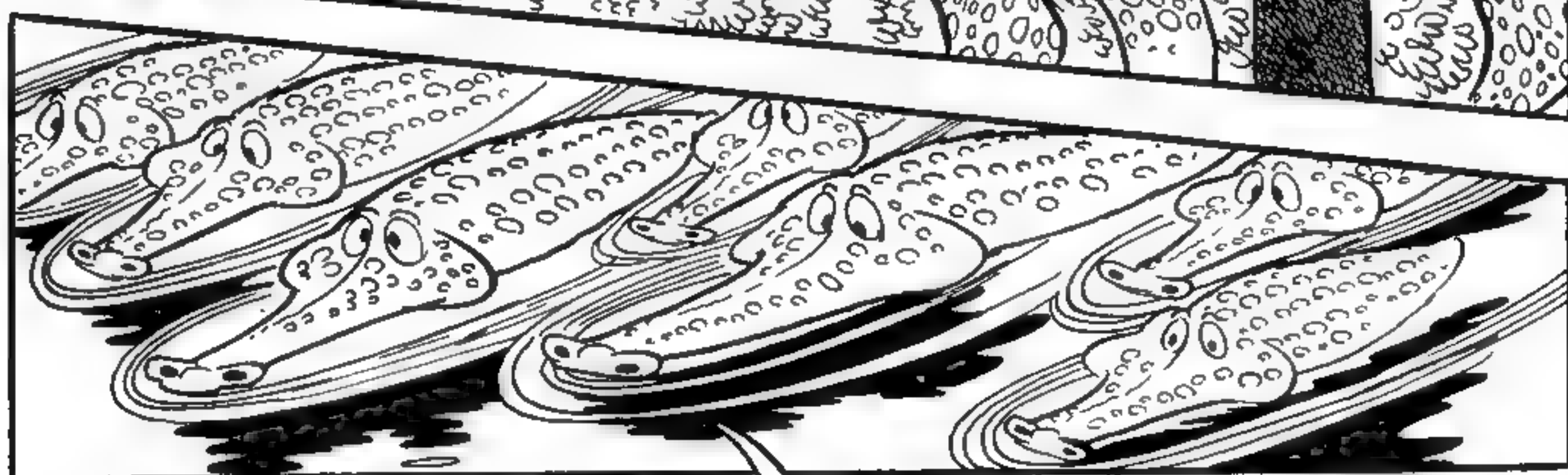
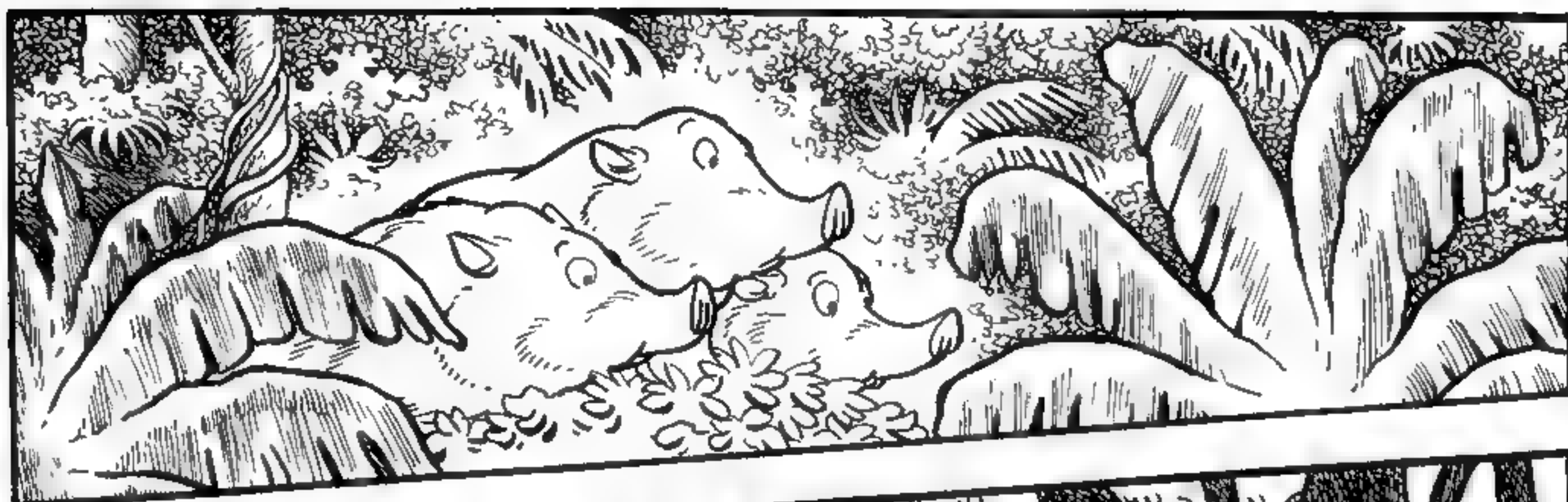


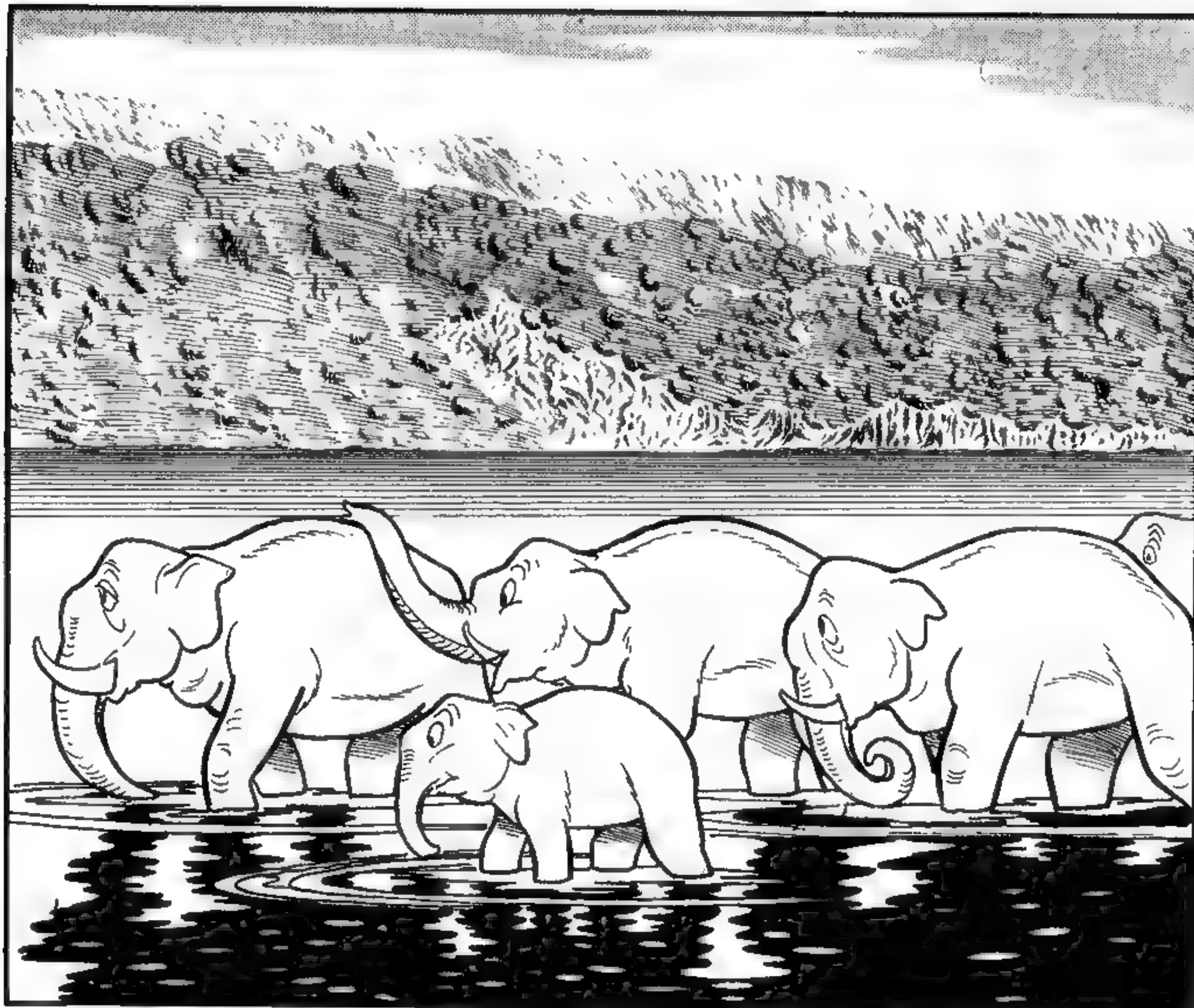


BEFORE DAWN
ON APRIL 8TH,
A MIRACLE
FILLED HEAVEN
AND EARTH AND
ENVELOPED ALL
LIVING THINGS
WITH BLISS.

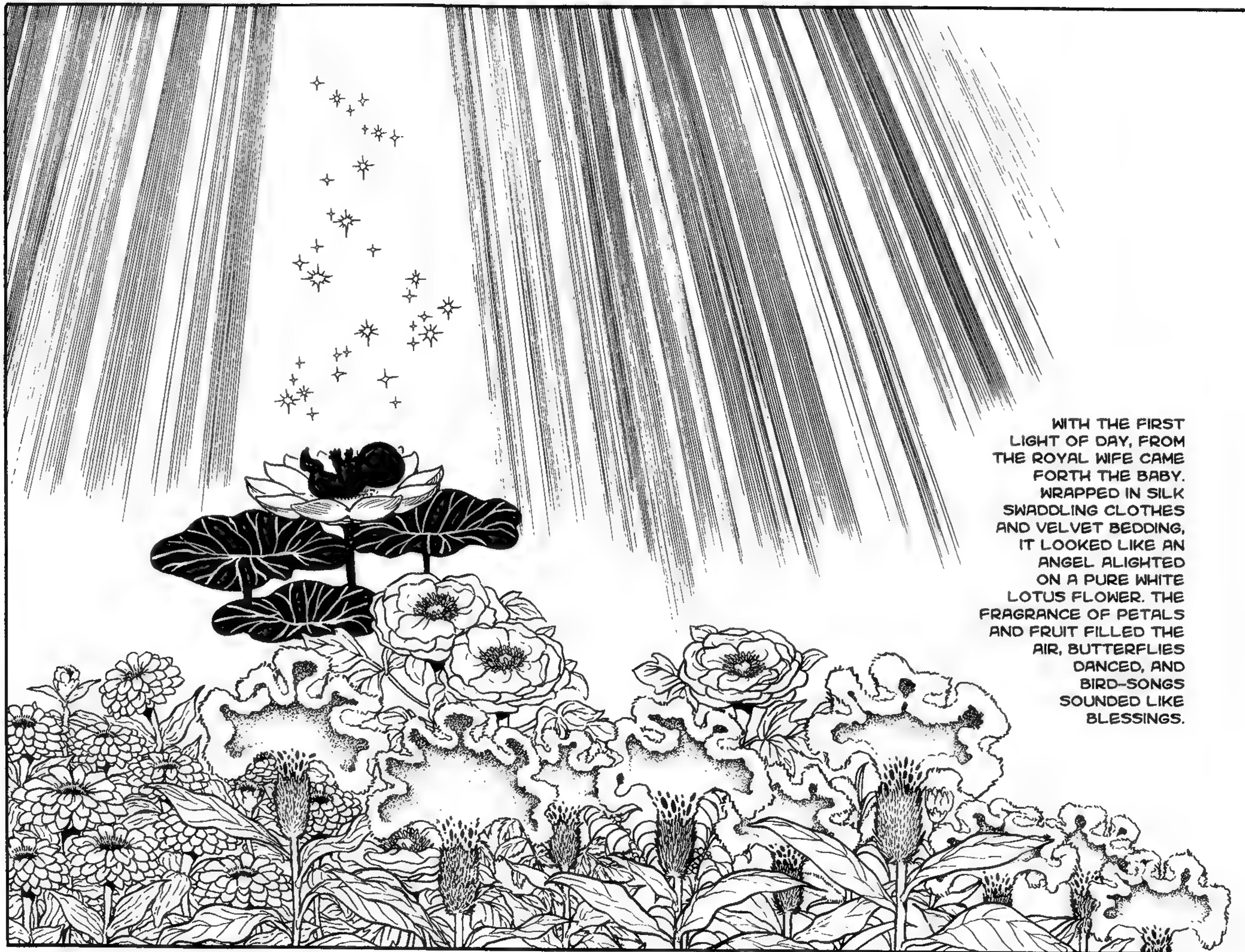
SOME HEARD
BEAUTIFUL
MELODIES
DESCENDING FROM
THE HEAVENS.
OTHERS WERE
SUDDENLY BATHED
IN A PLEASANT
AROMA.
IN EACH AND
ALL HEARTS A
VOICE ANNOUNCED,
"HARK AND BEHOLD.
HE IS BORN."



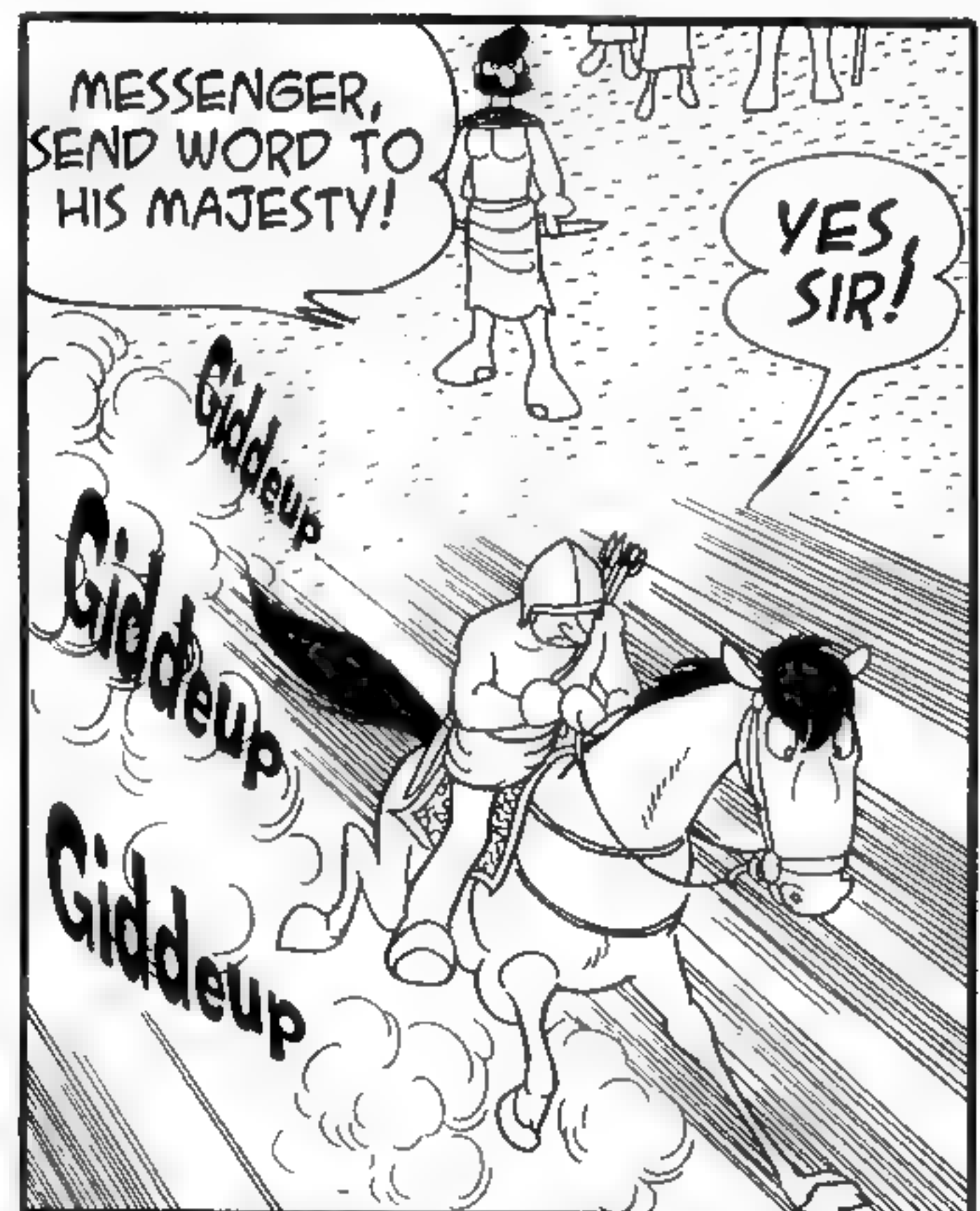


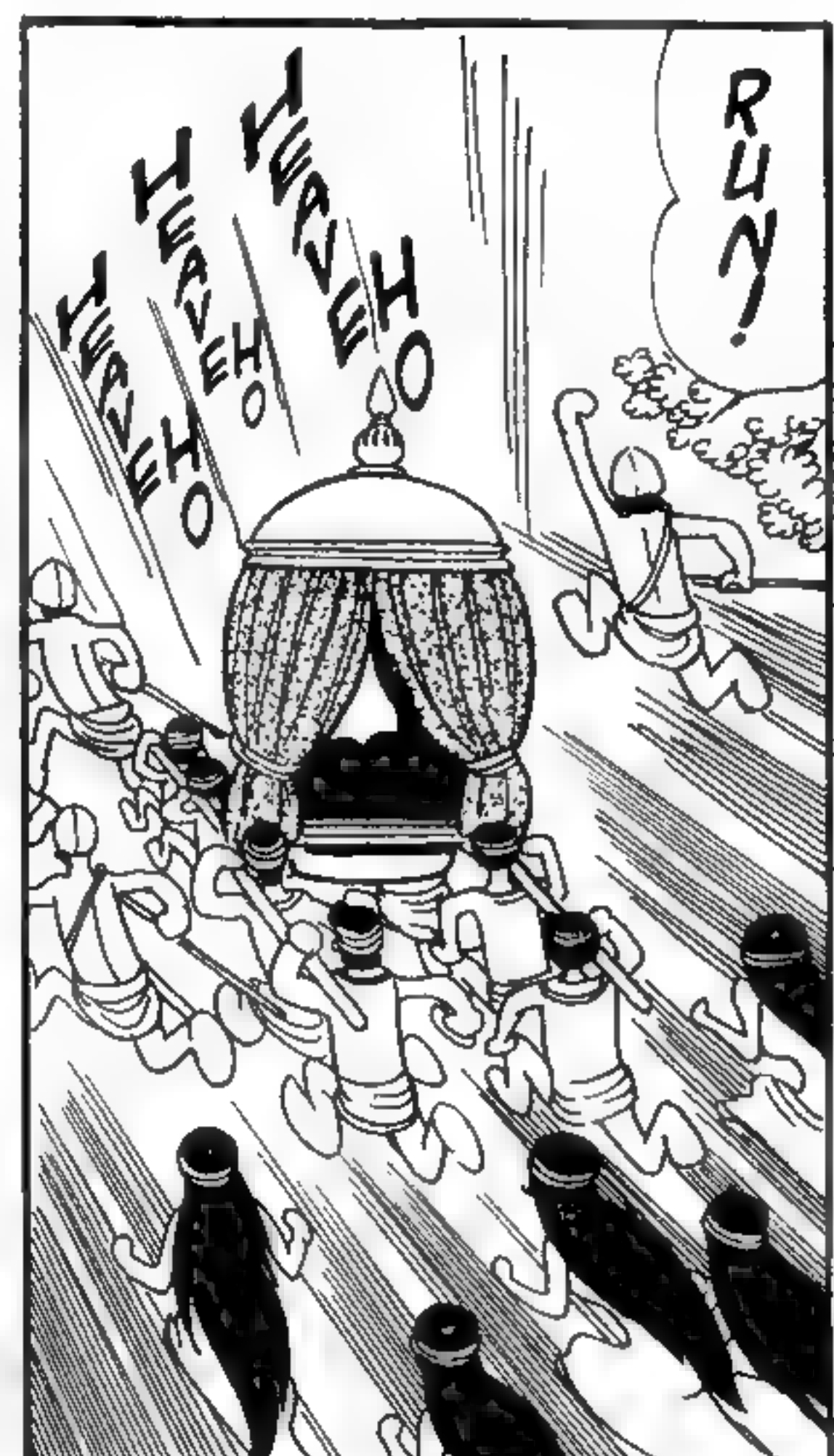
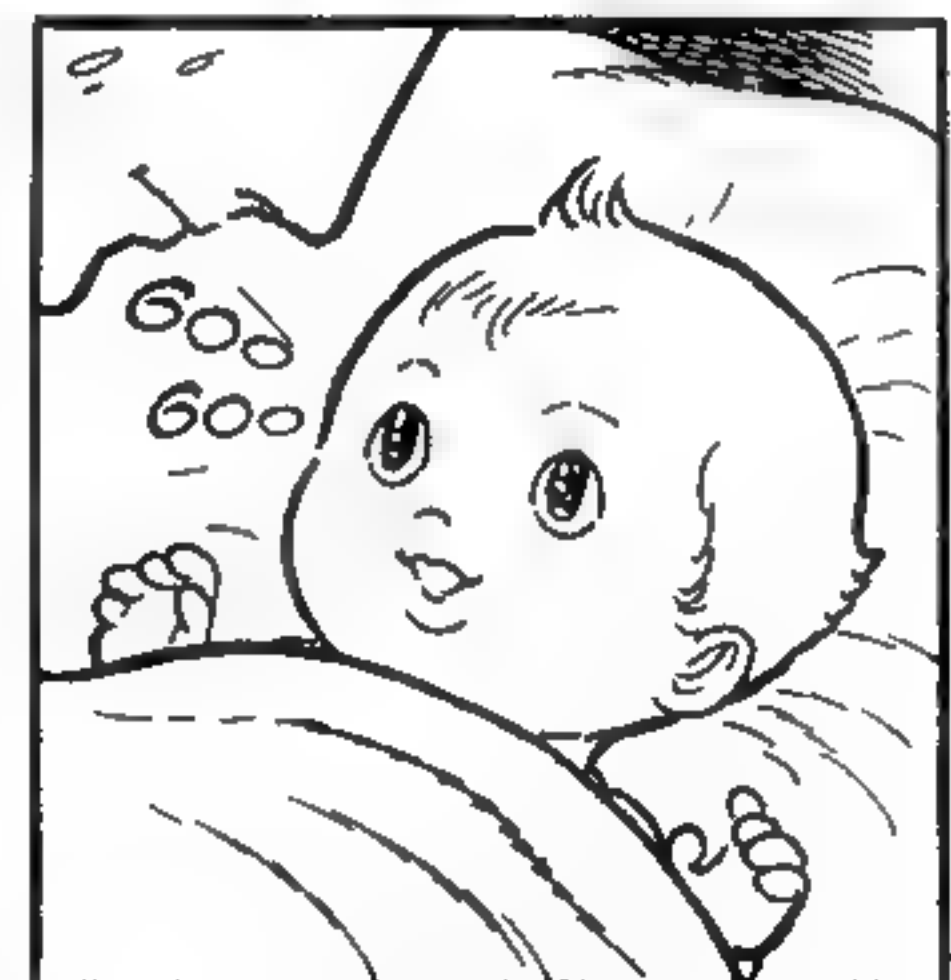
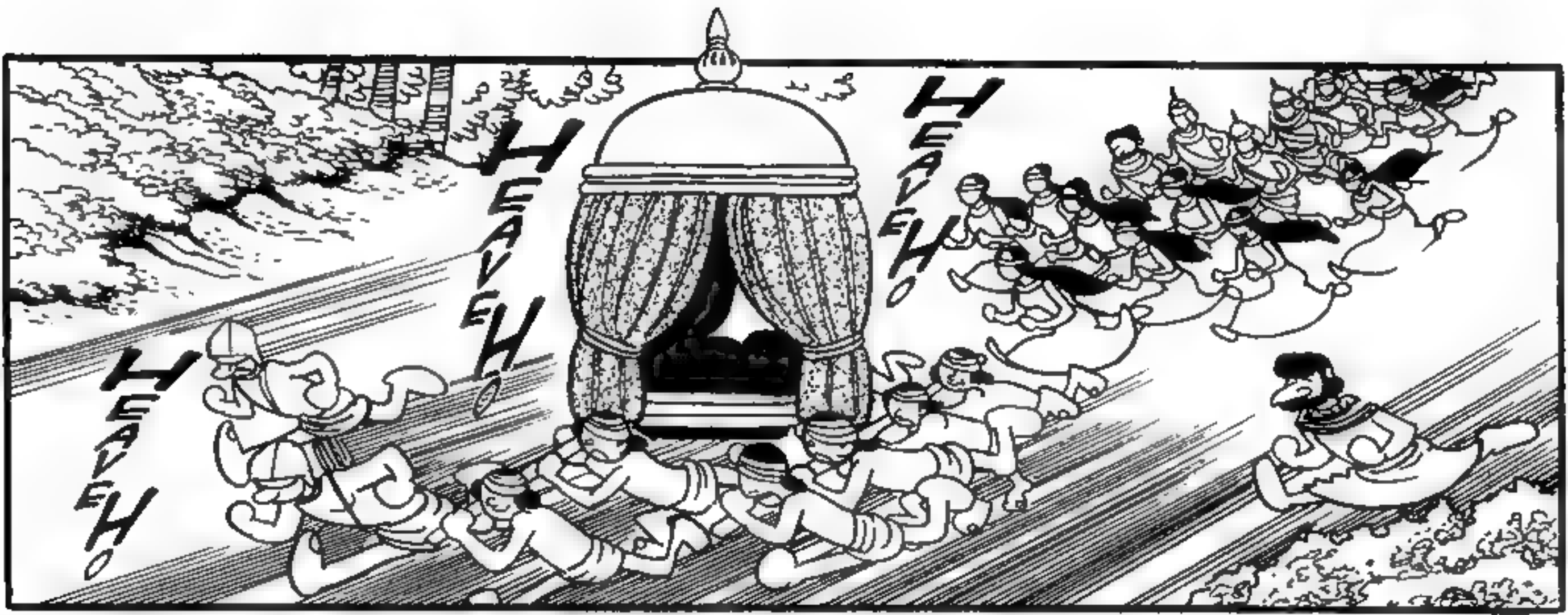


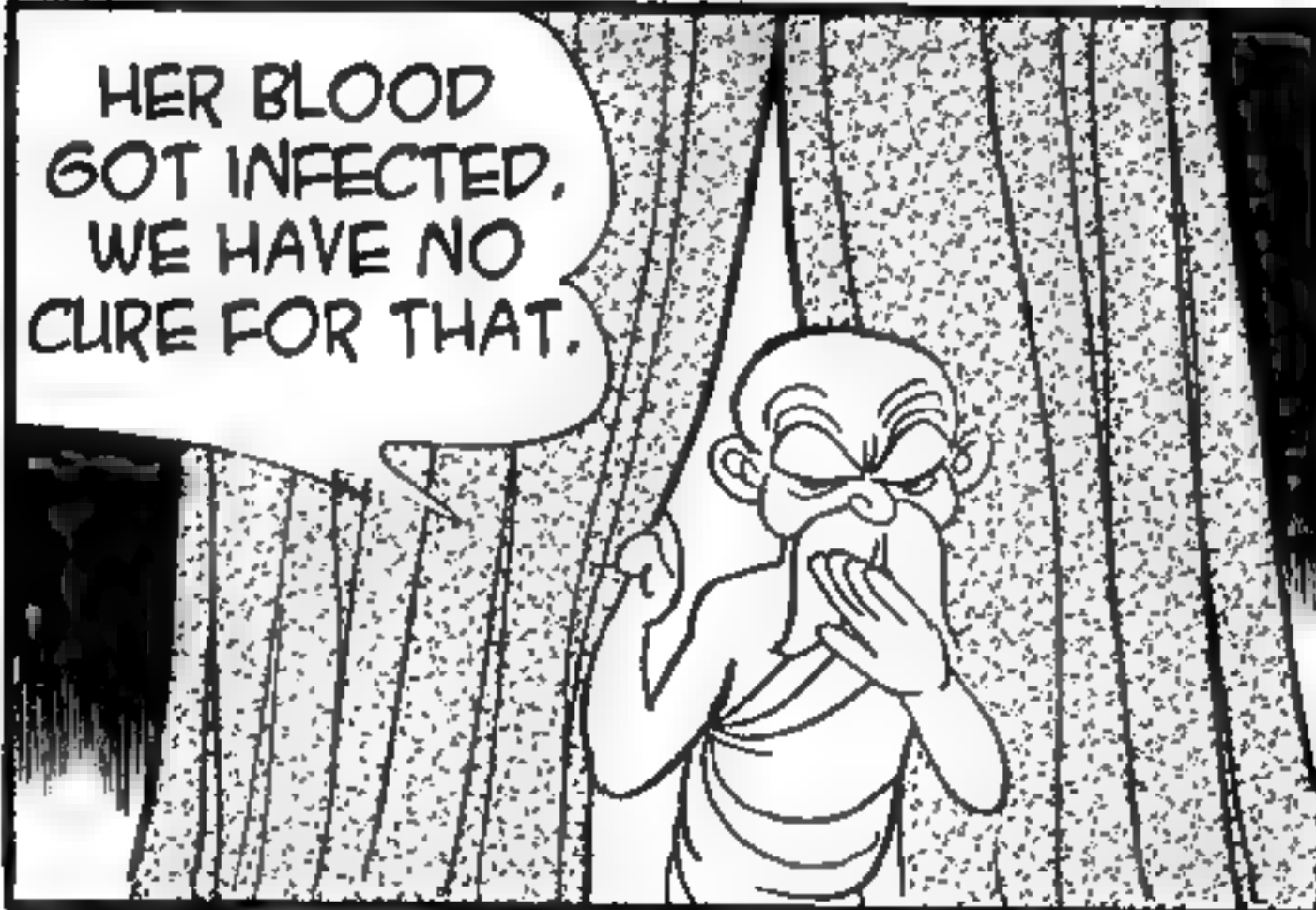
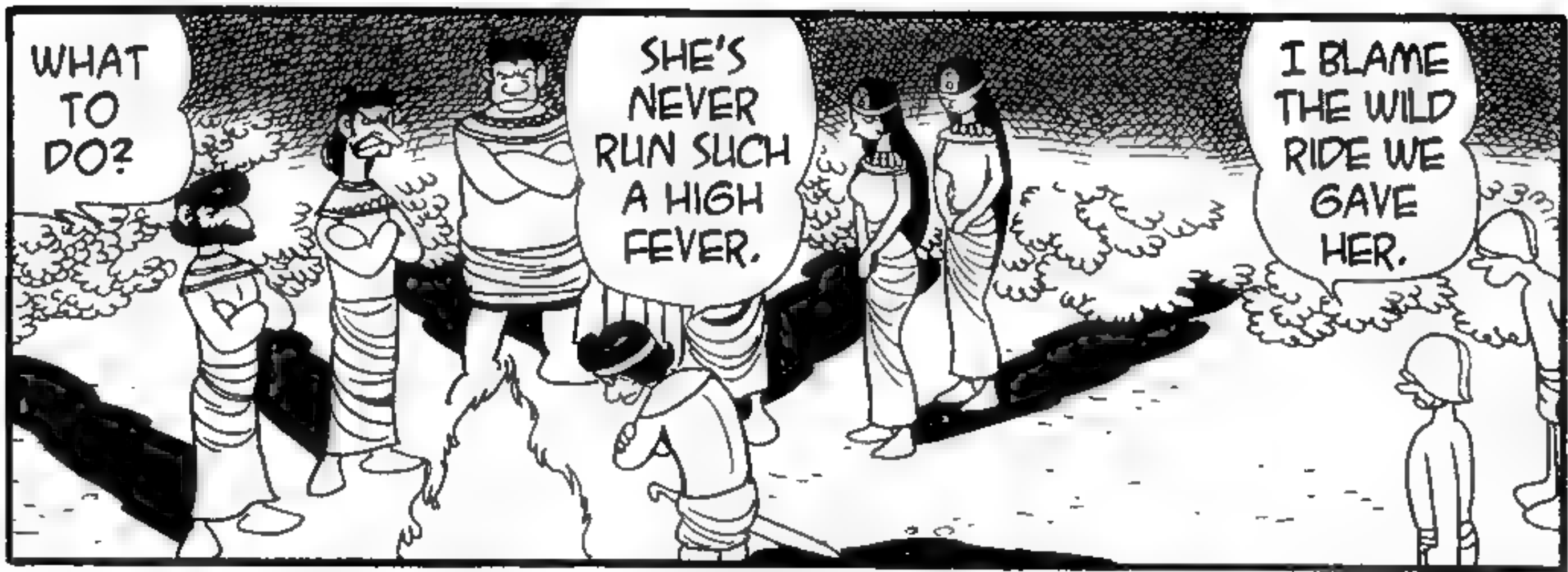


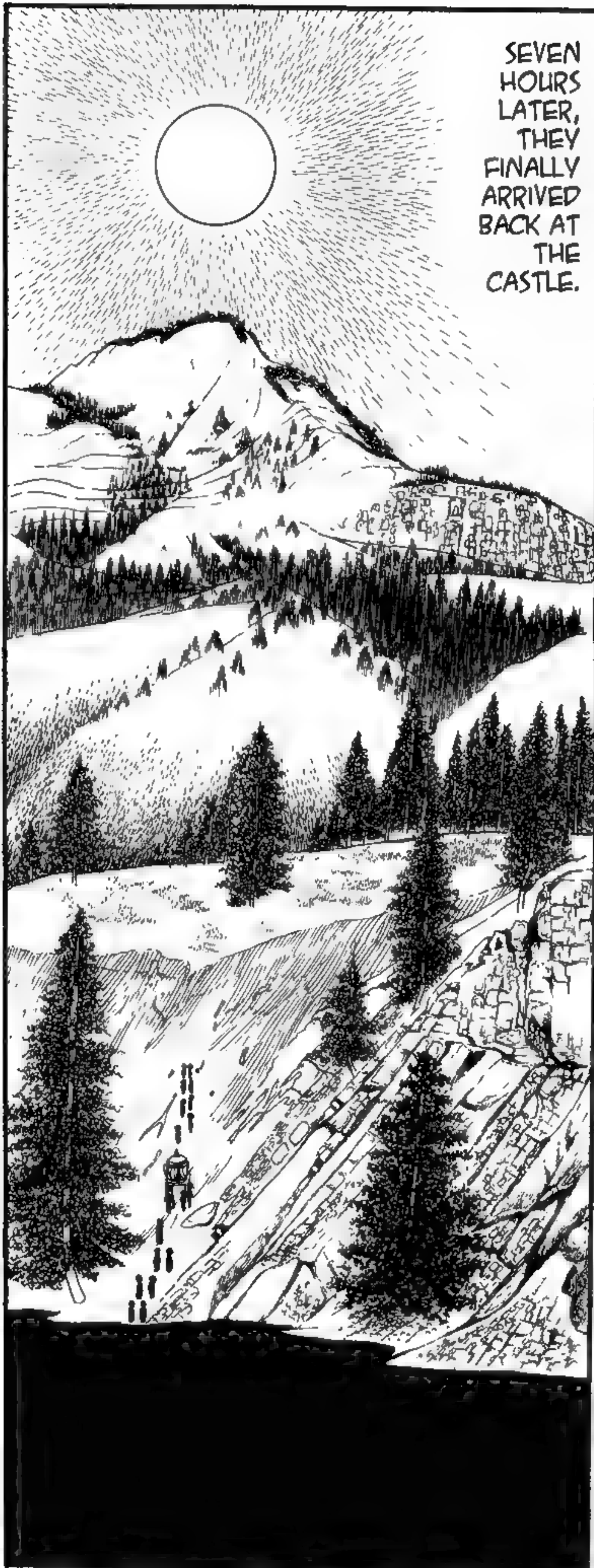


WITH THE FIRST
LIGHT OF DAY, FROM
THE ROYAL WIFE CAME
FORTH THE BABY.
WRAPPED IN SILK
SWADDLING CLOTHES
AND VELVET BEDDING,
IT LOOKED LIKE AN
ANGEL ALIGHTED
ON A PURE WHITE
LOTUS FLOWER. THE
FRAGRANCE OF PETALS
AND FRUIT FILLED THE
AIR, BUTTERFLIES
DANCED, AND
BIRD-SONGS
SOUNDED LIKE
BLESSINGS.









SEVEN
HOURS
LATER,
THEY
FINALLY
ARRIVED
BACK AT
THE
CASTLE.



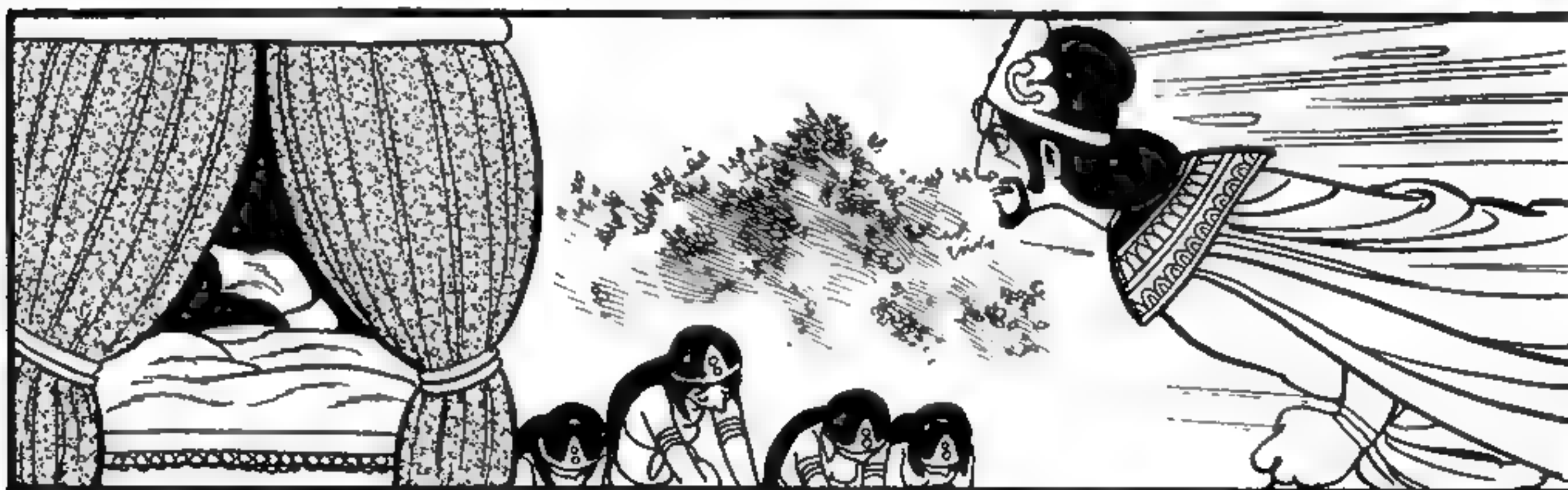
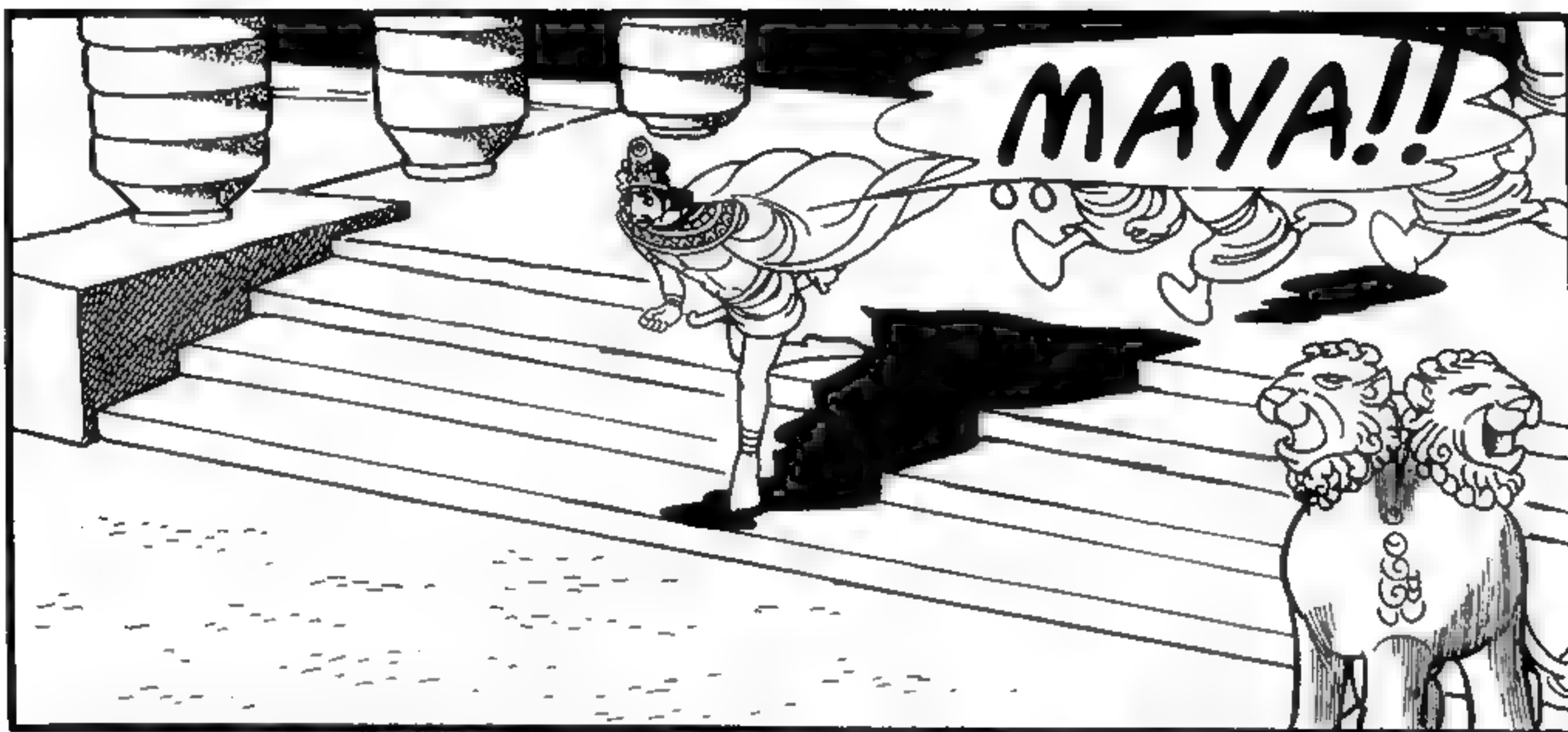
YOUR
MAJESTY!
H-HER
HIGHNESS!

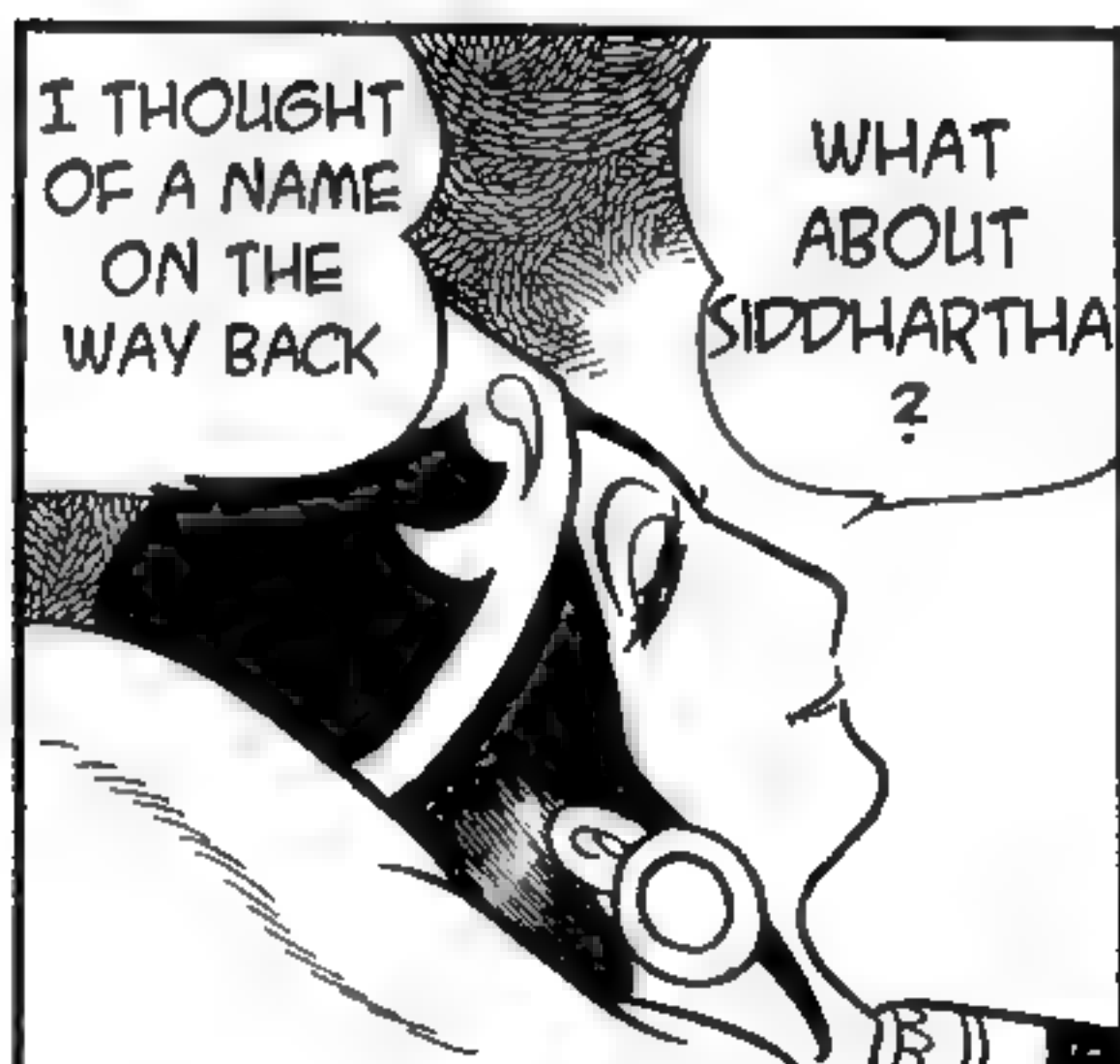
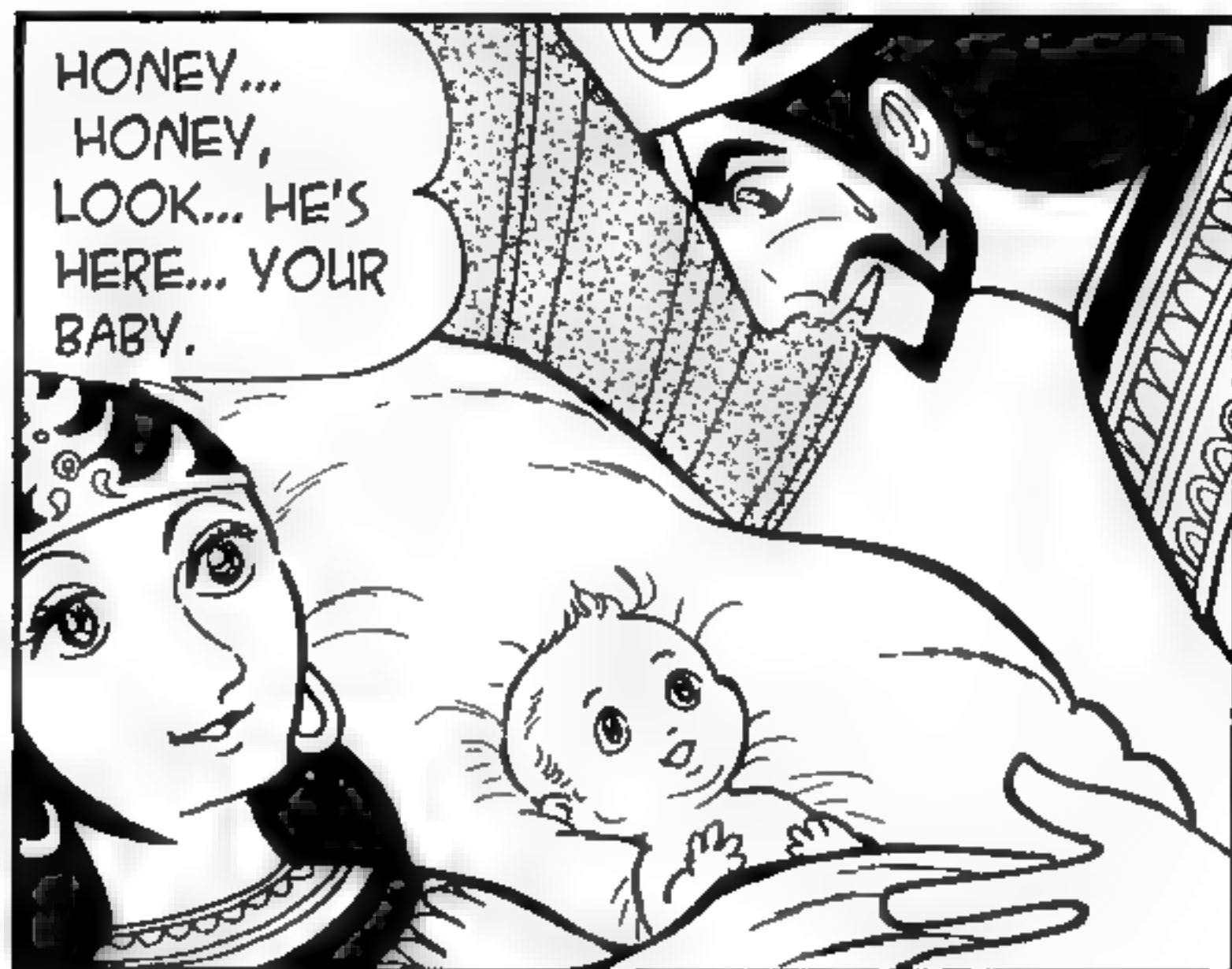


MY
WIFE?!

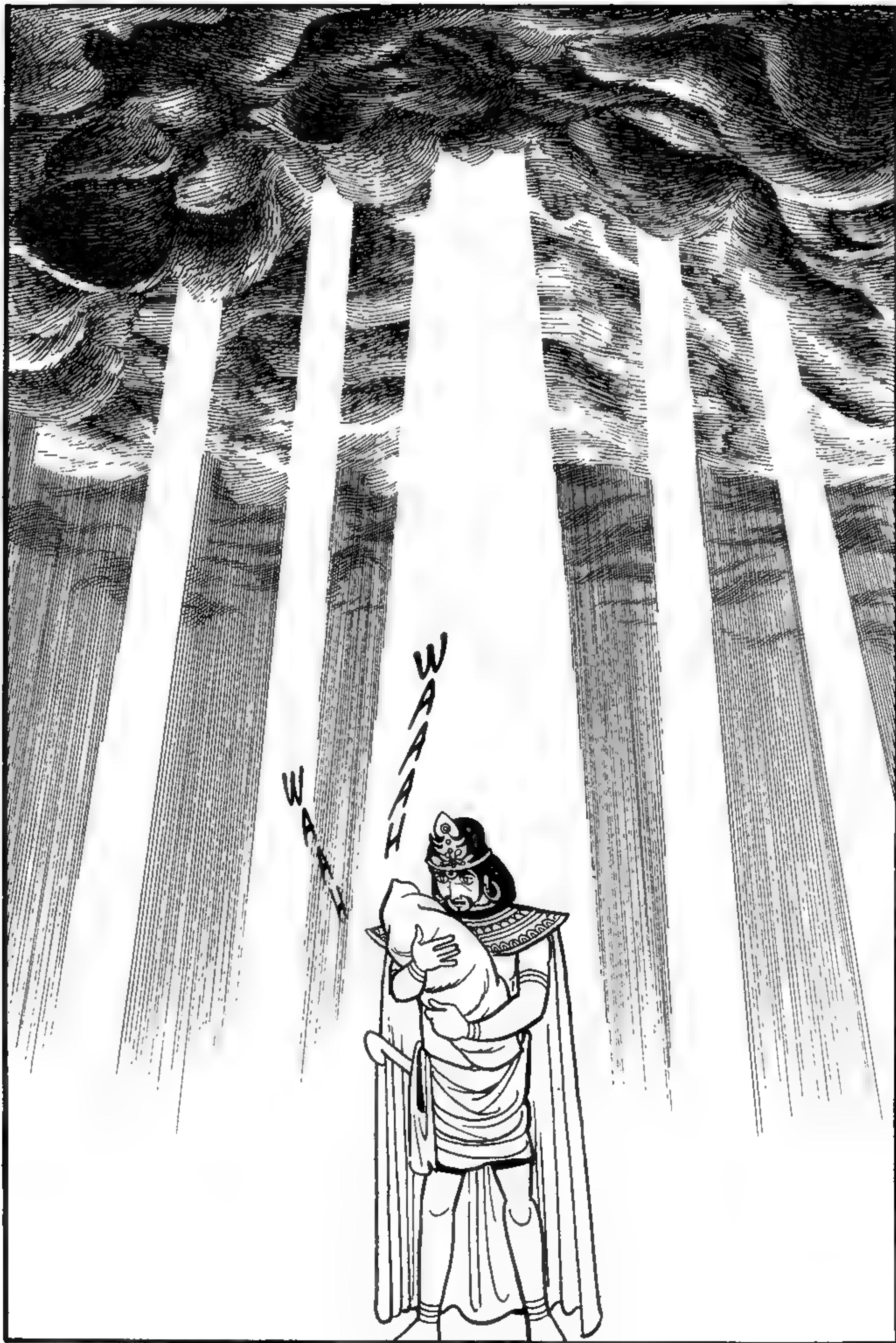


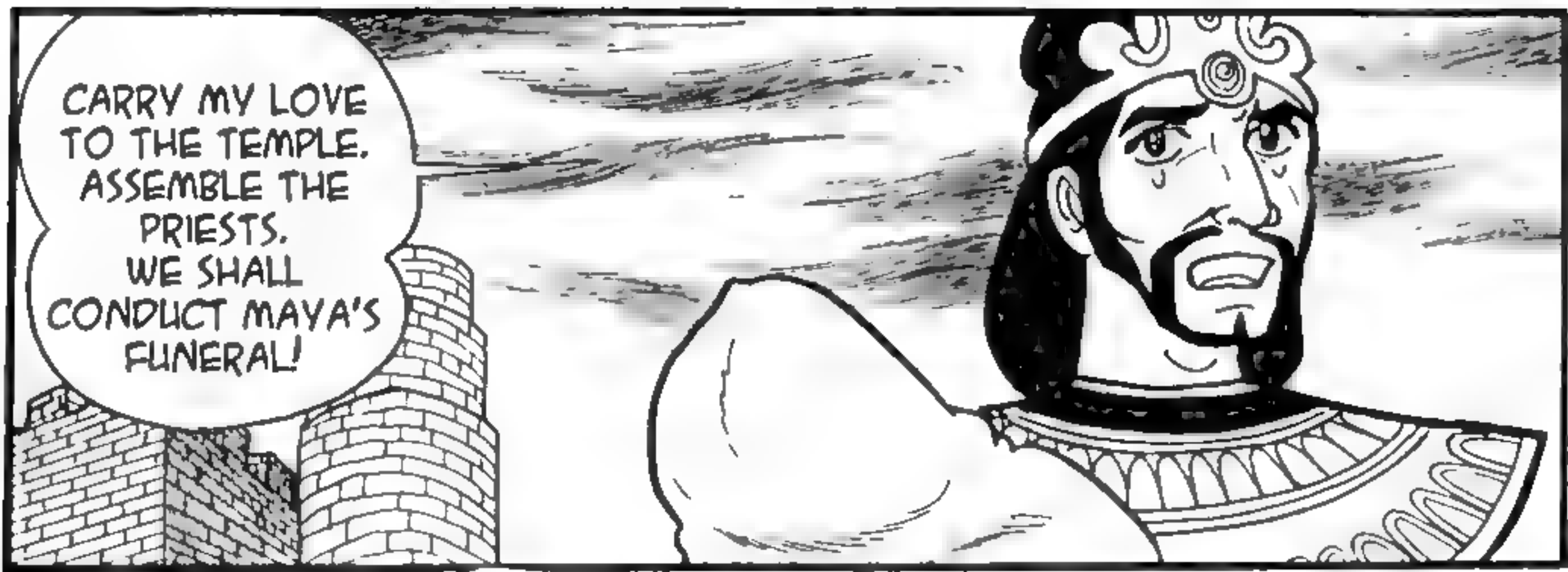
MAYA!





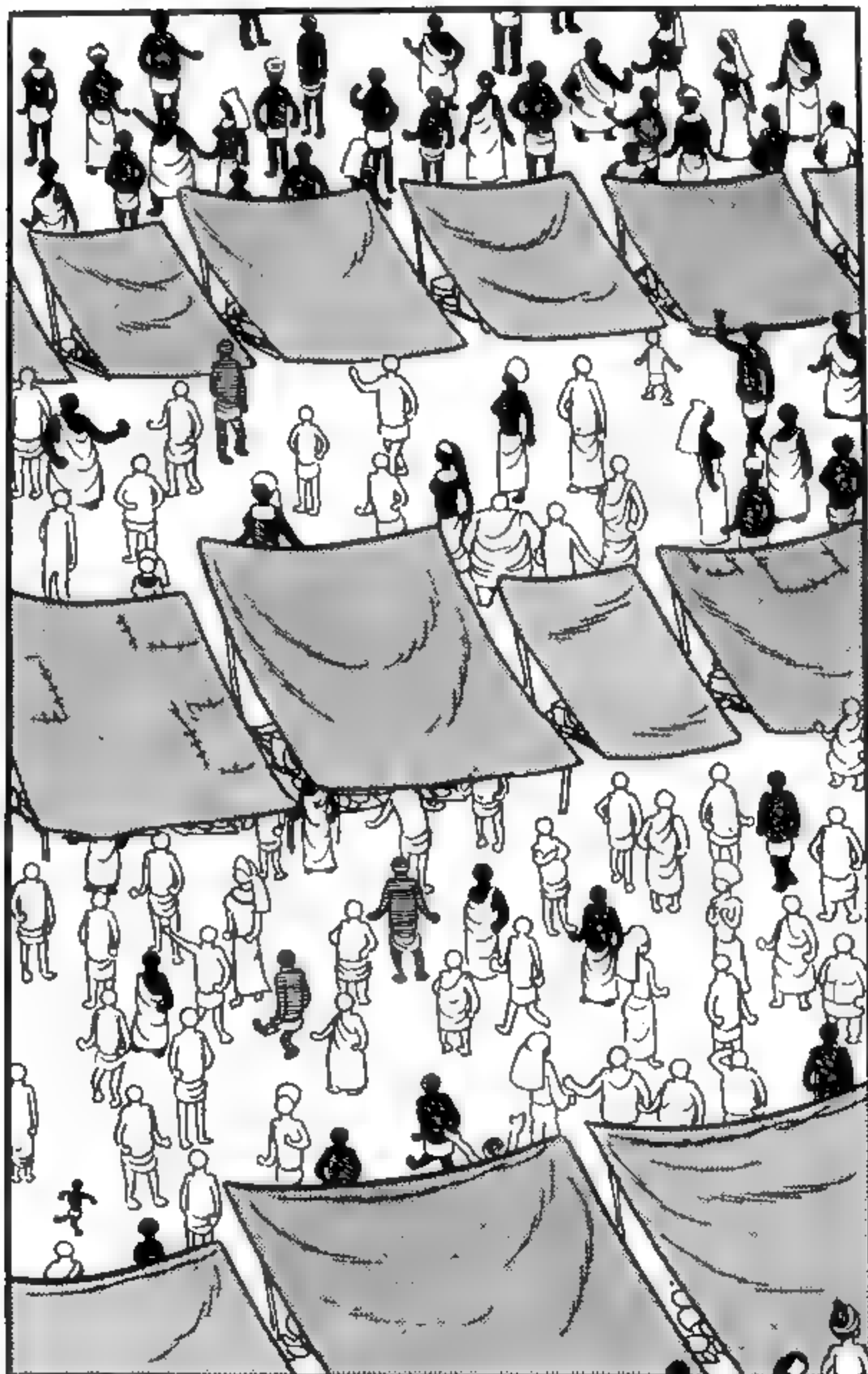
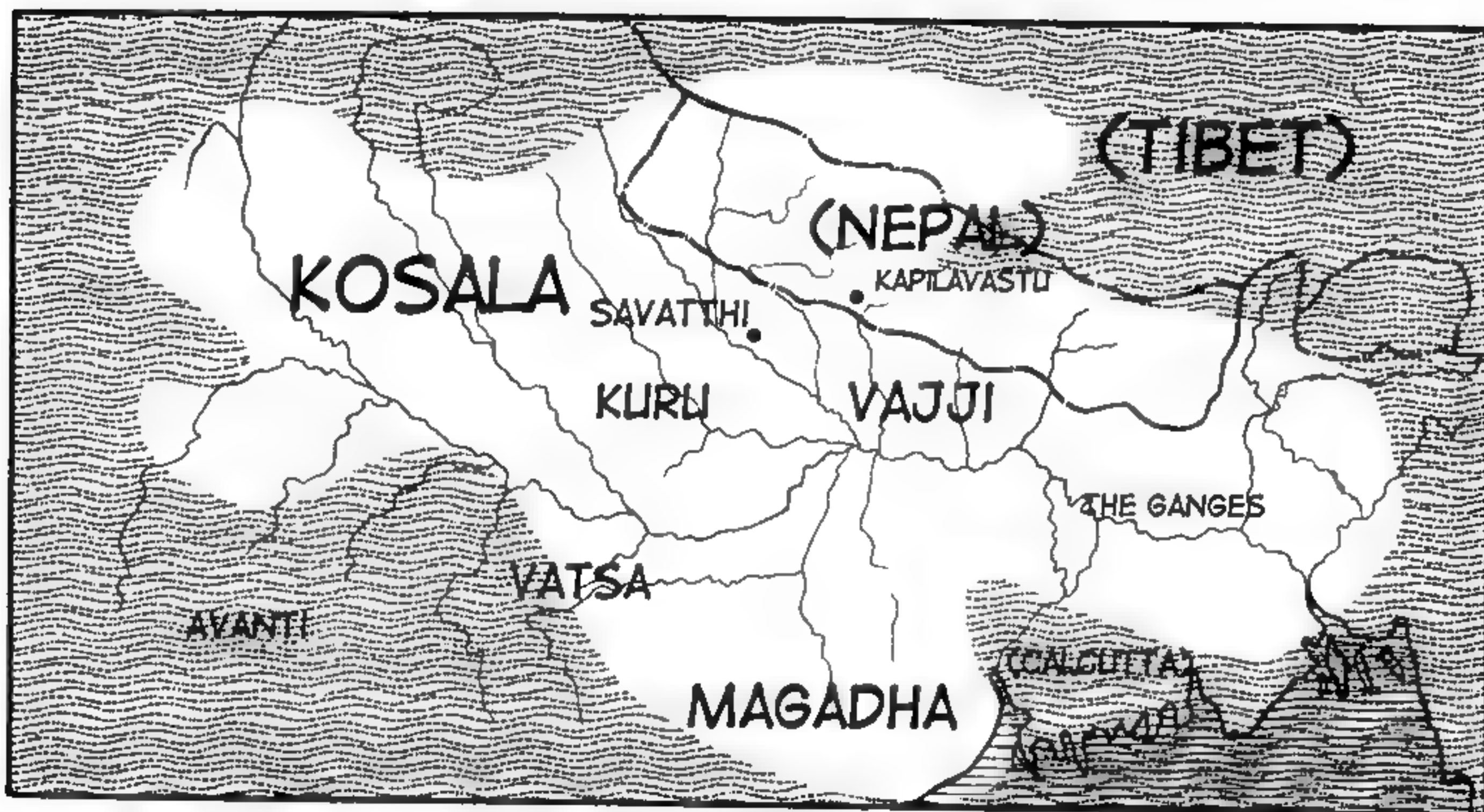


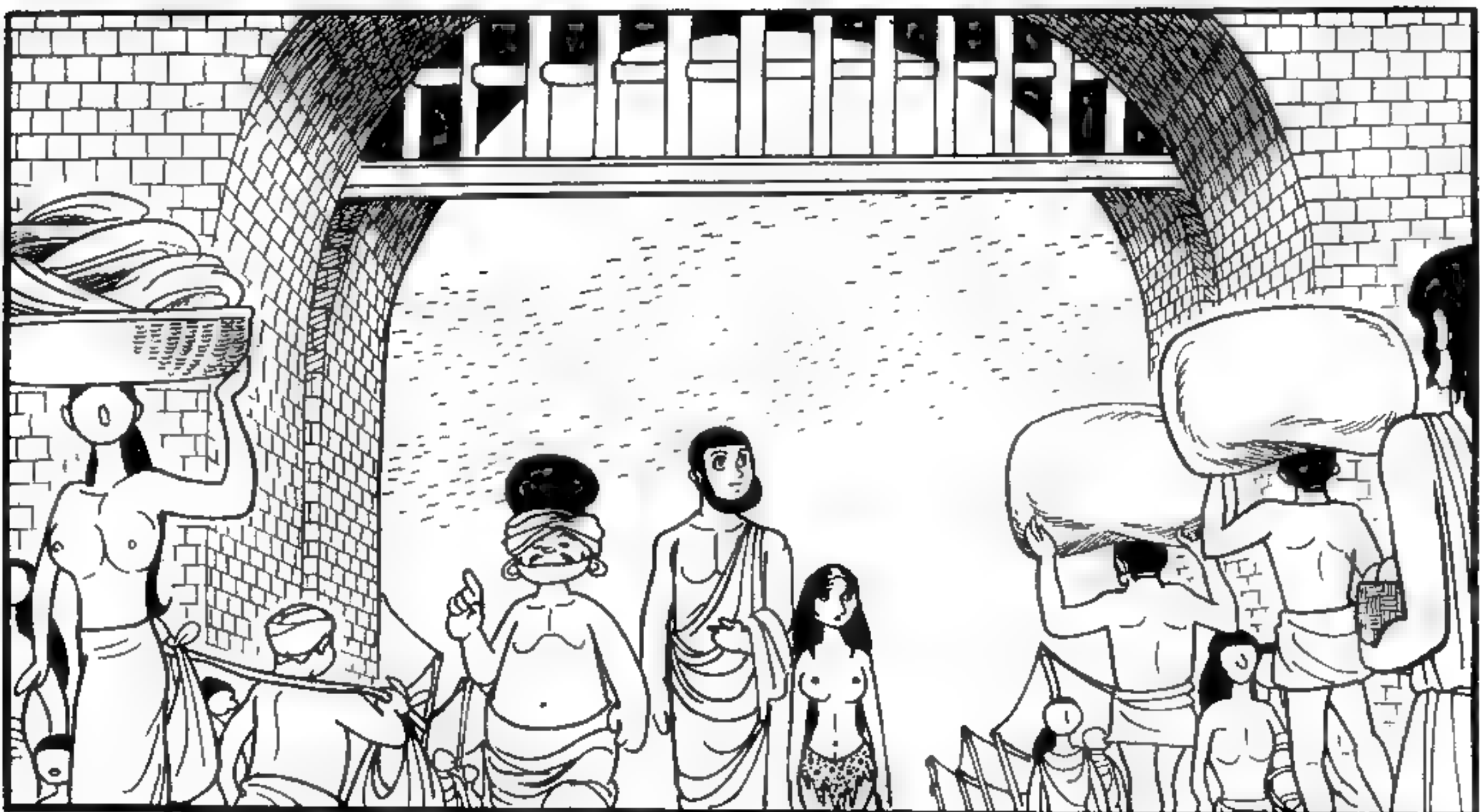
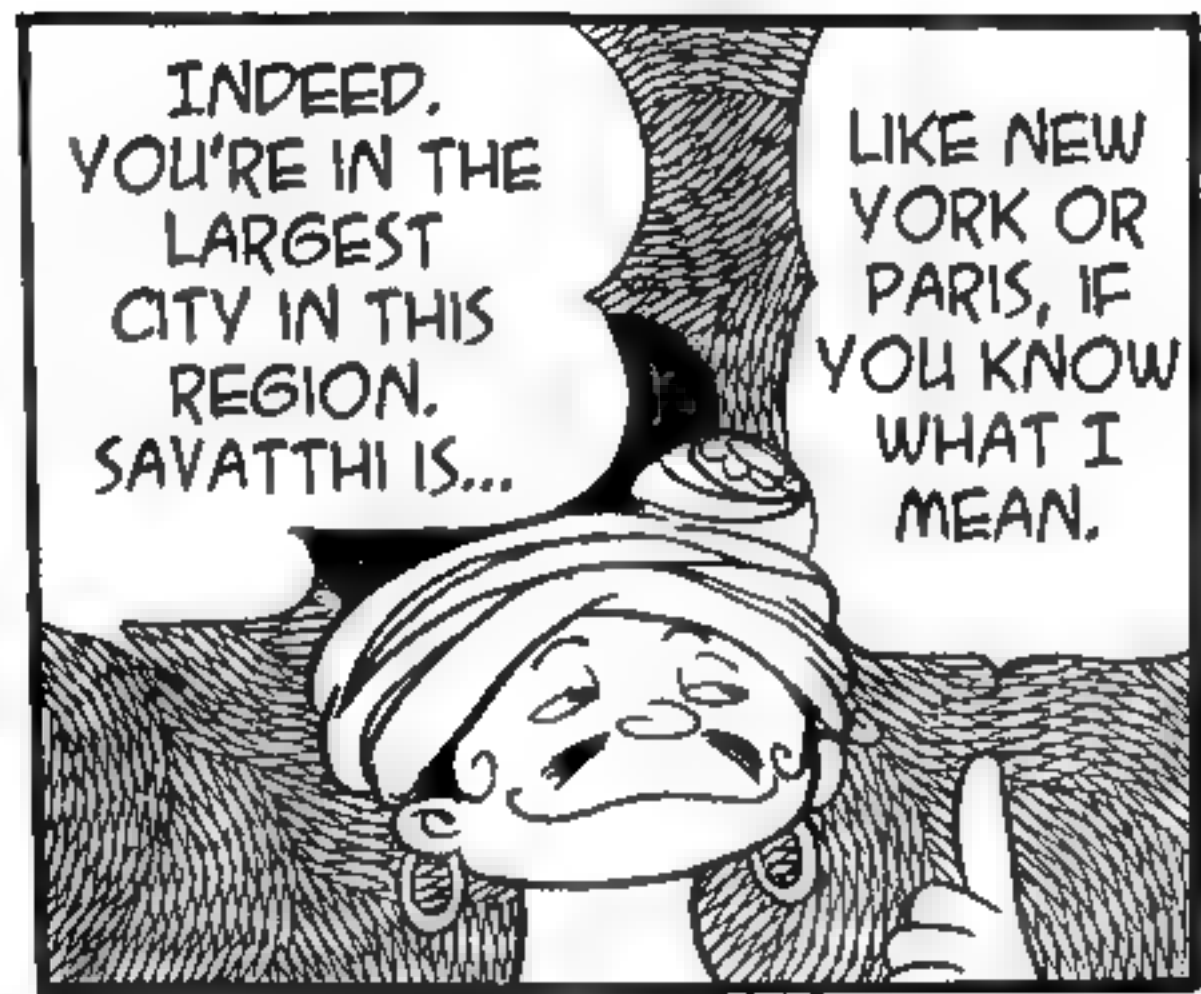
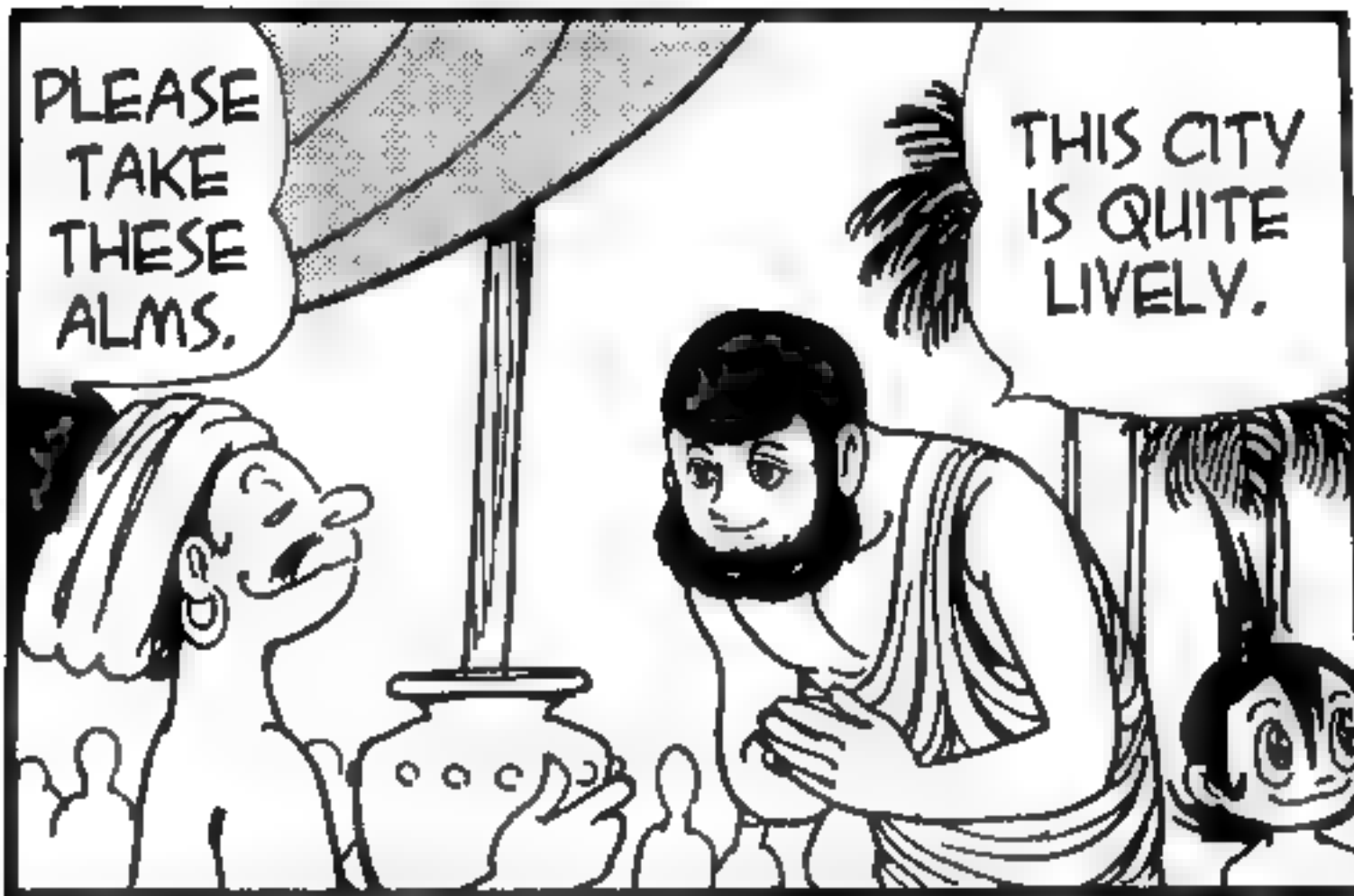




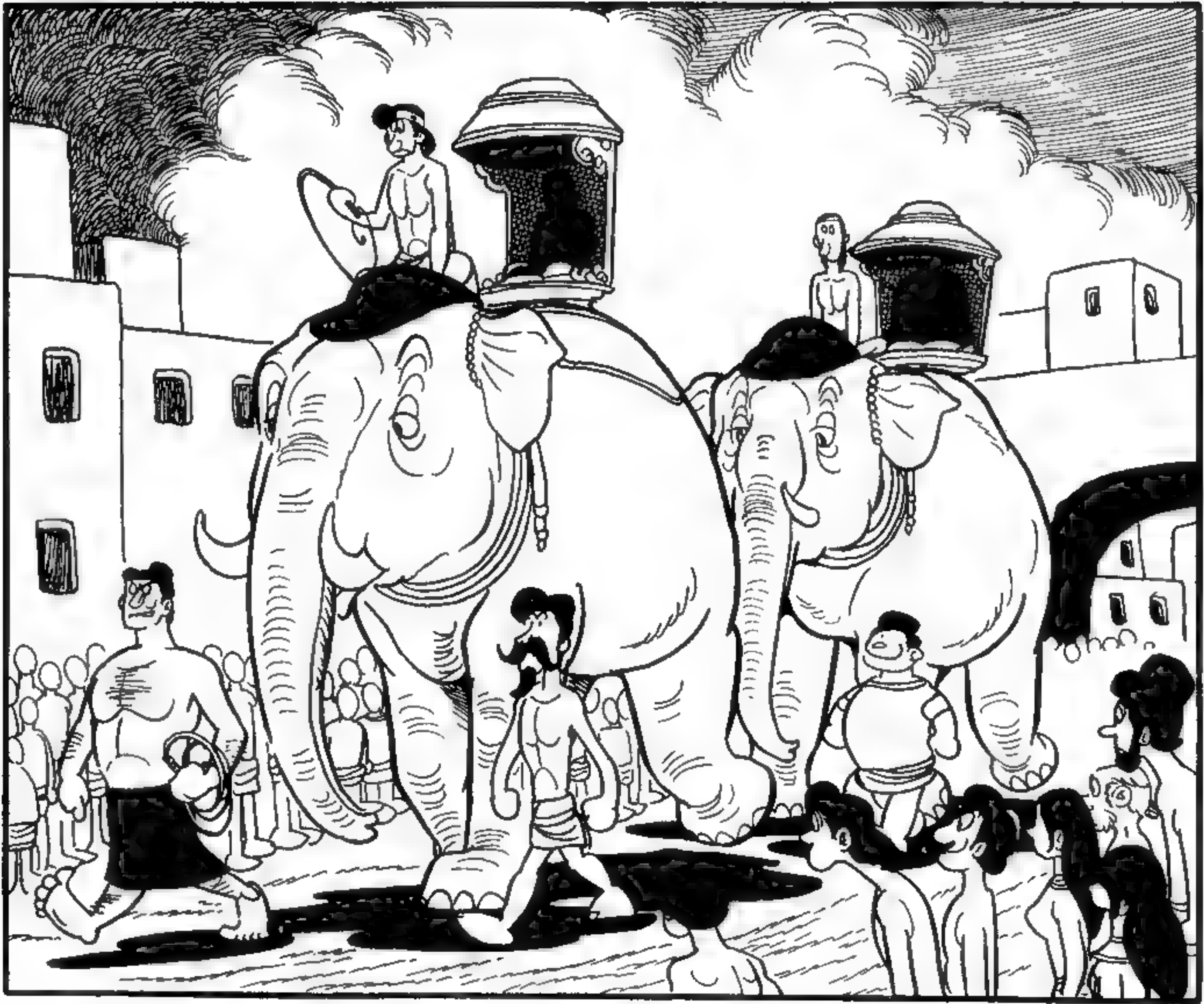
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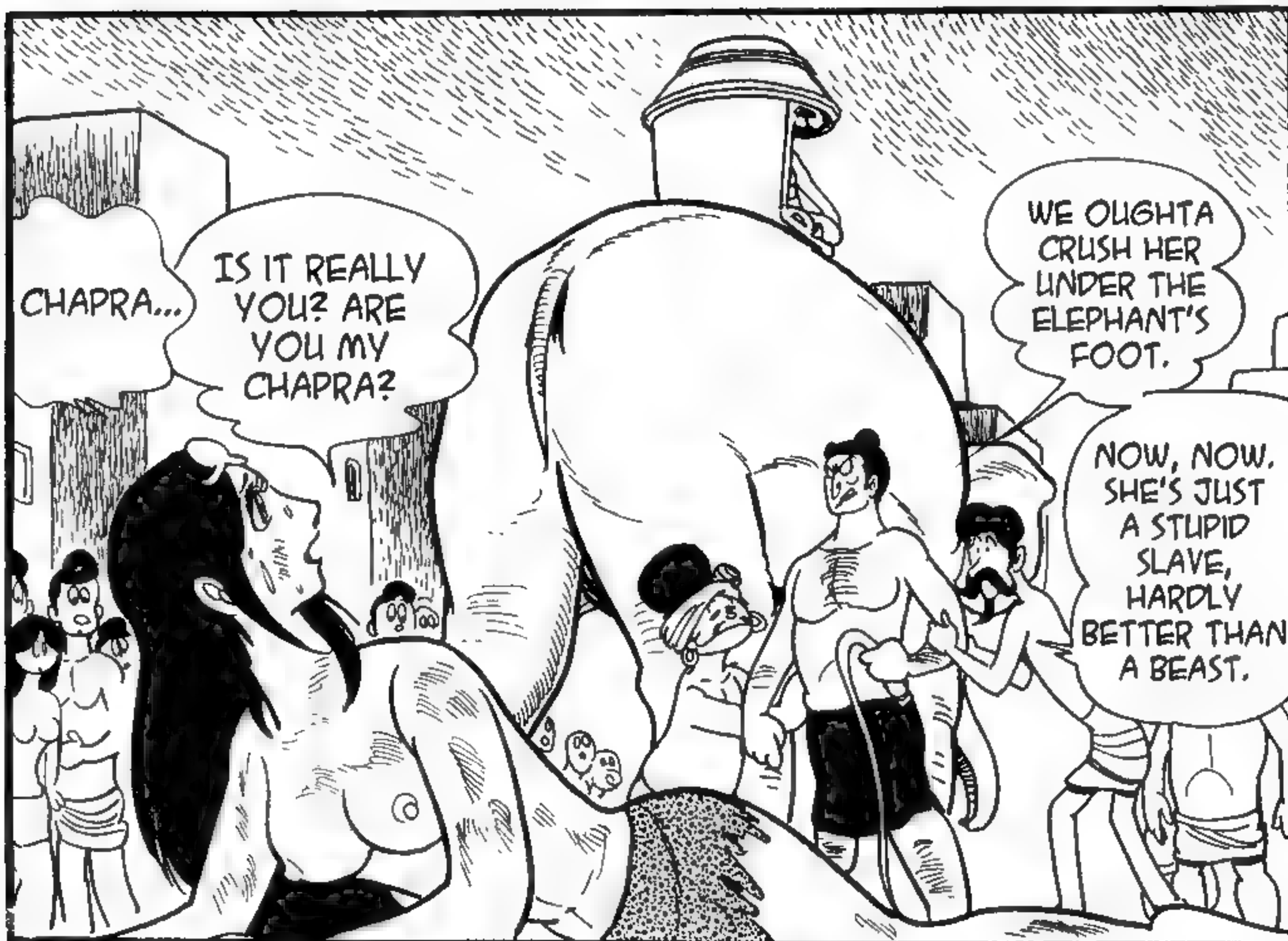
THE CONTEST

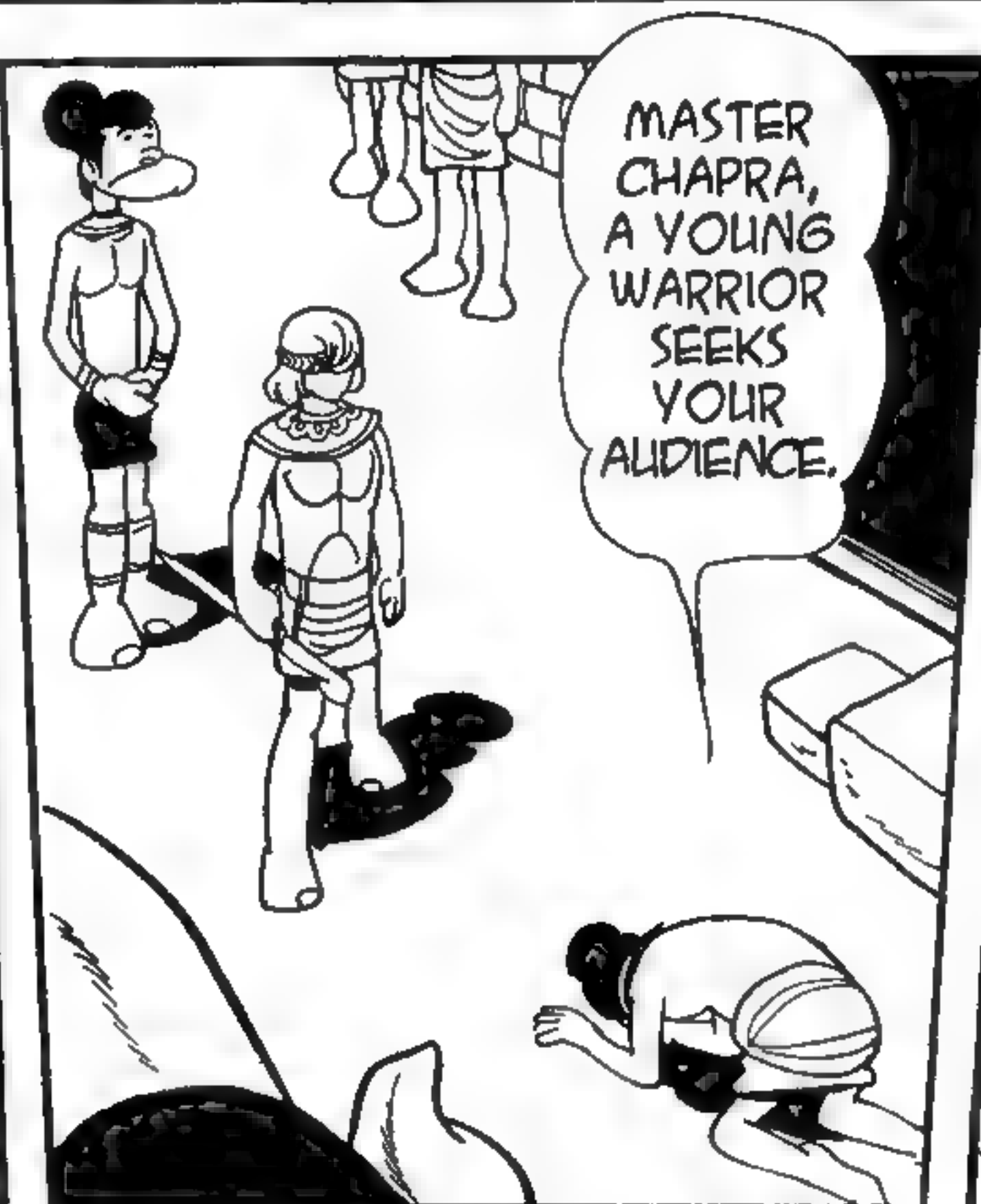
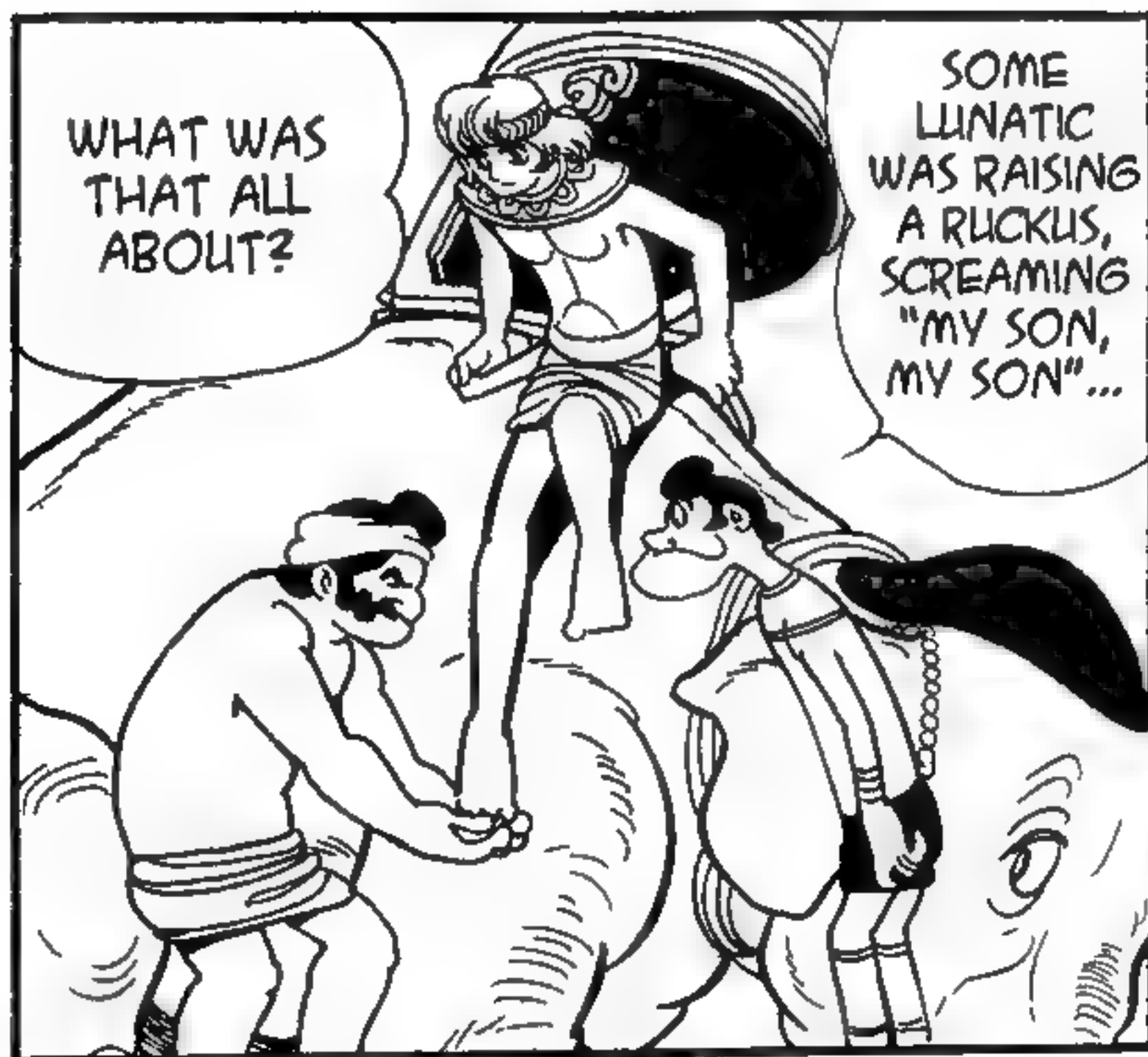


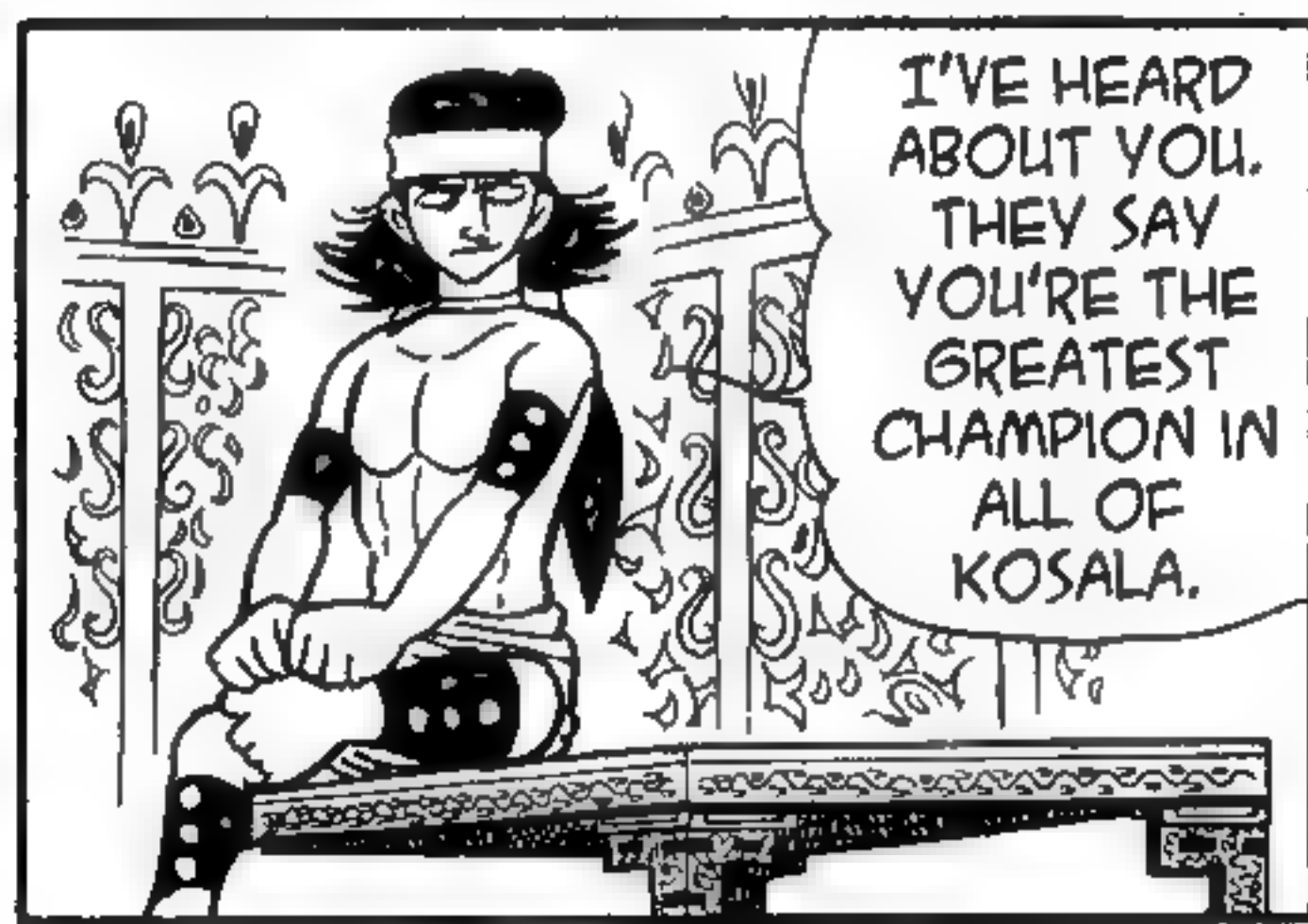
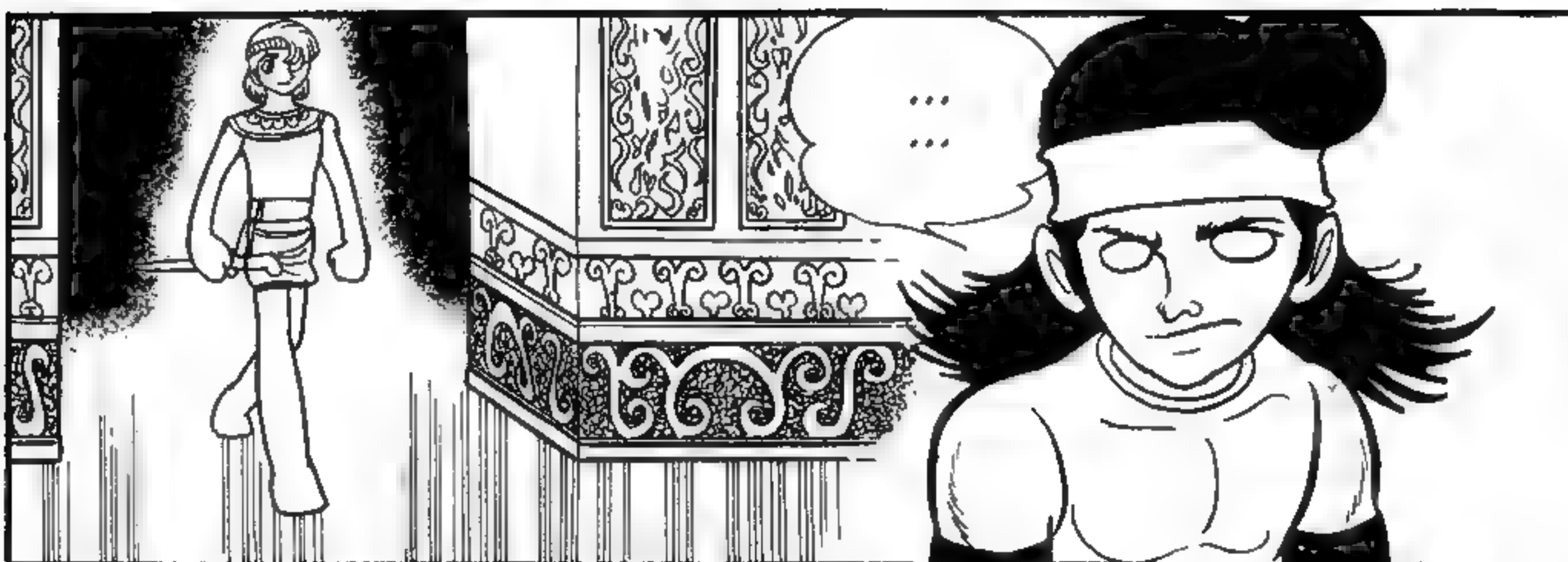


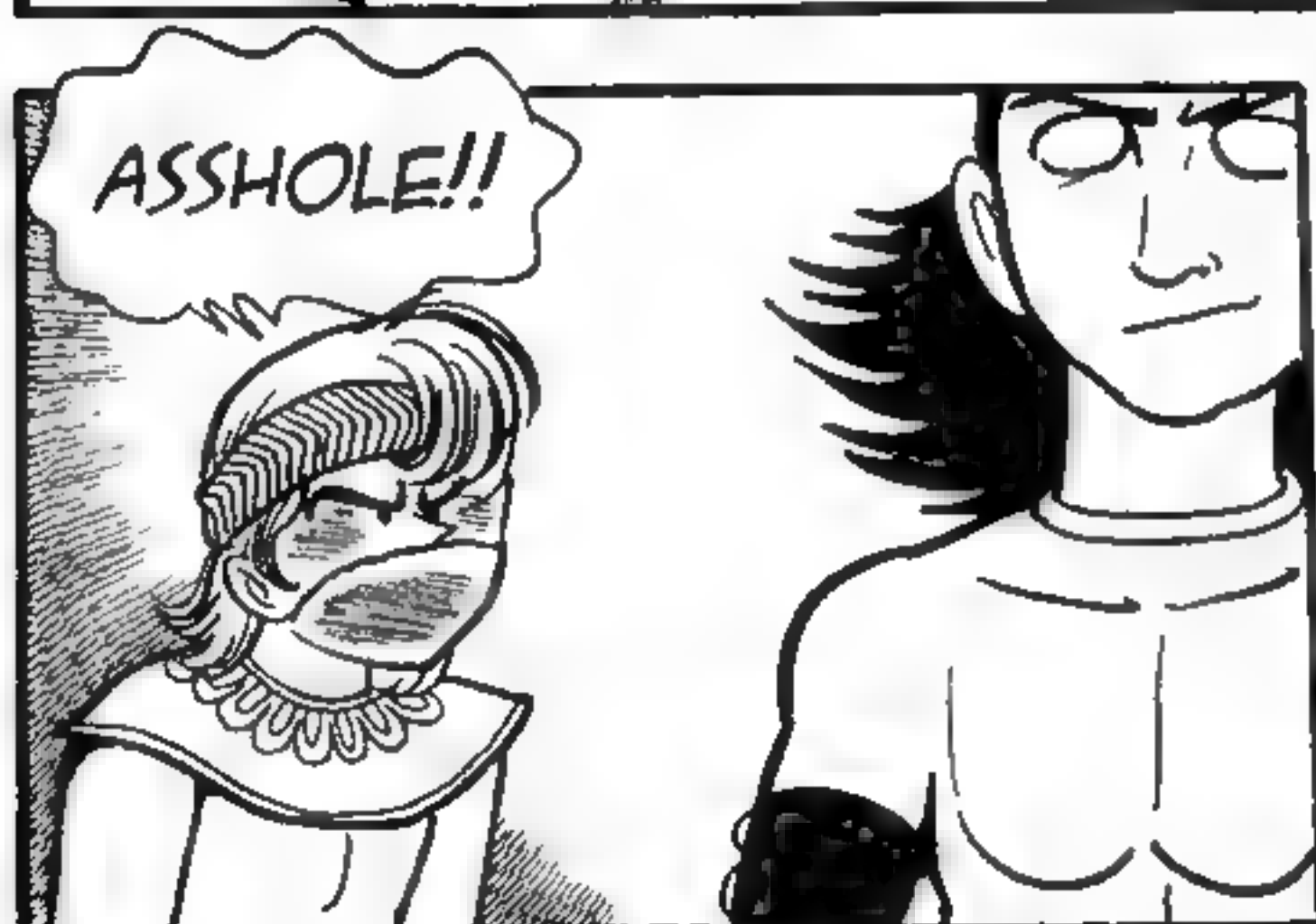
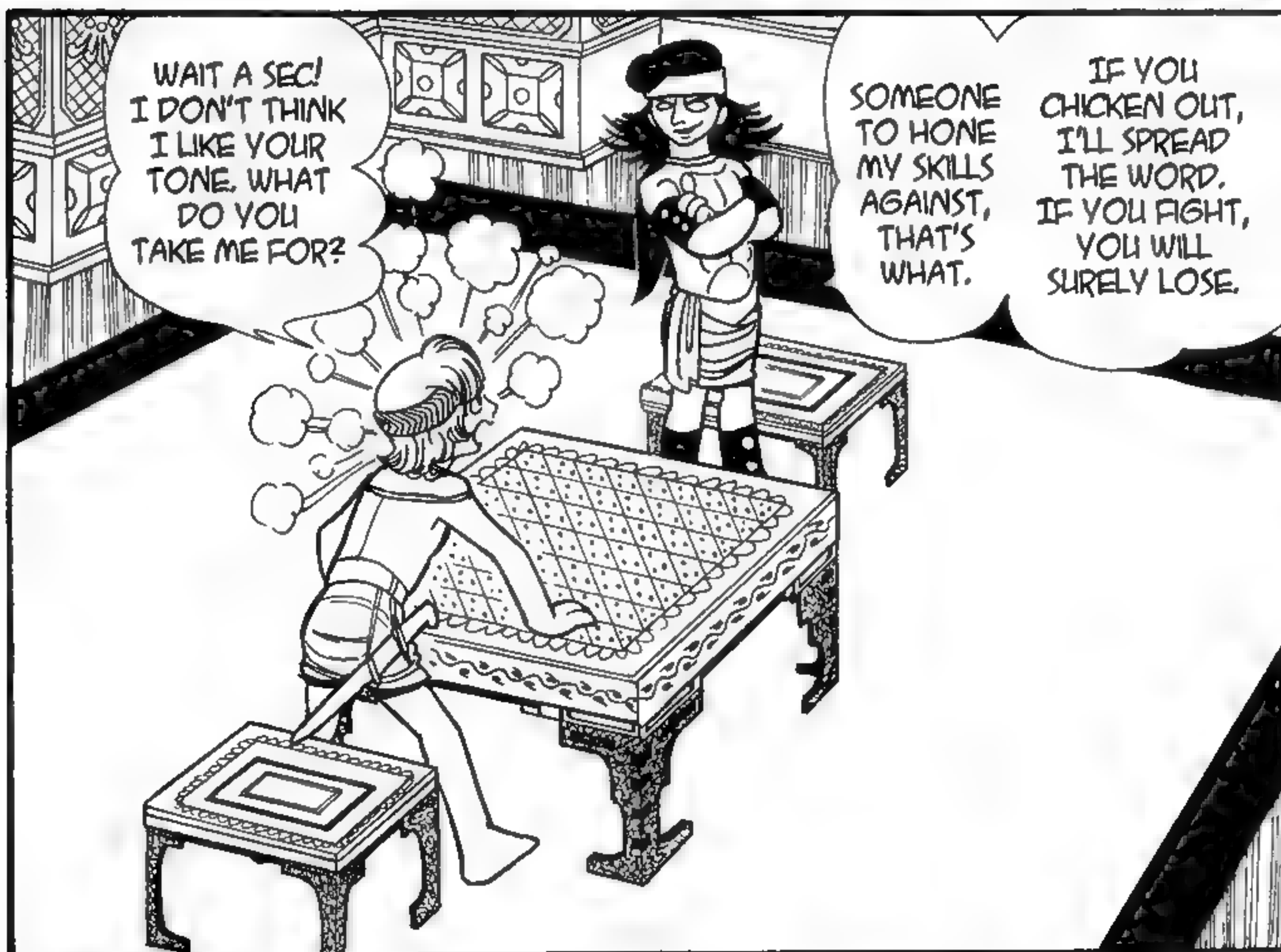


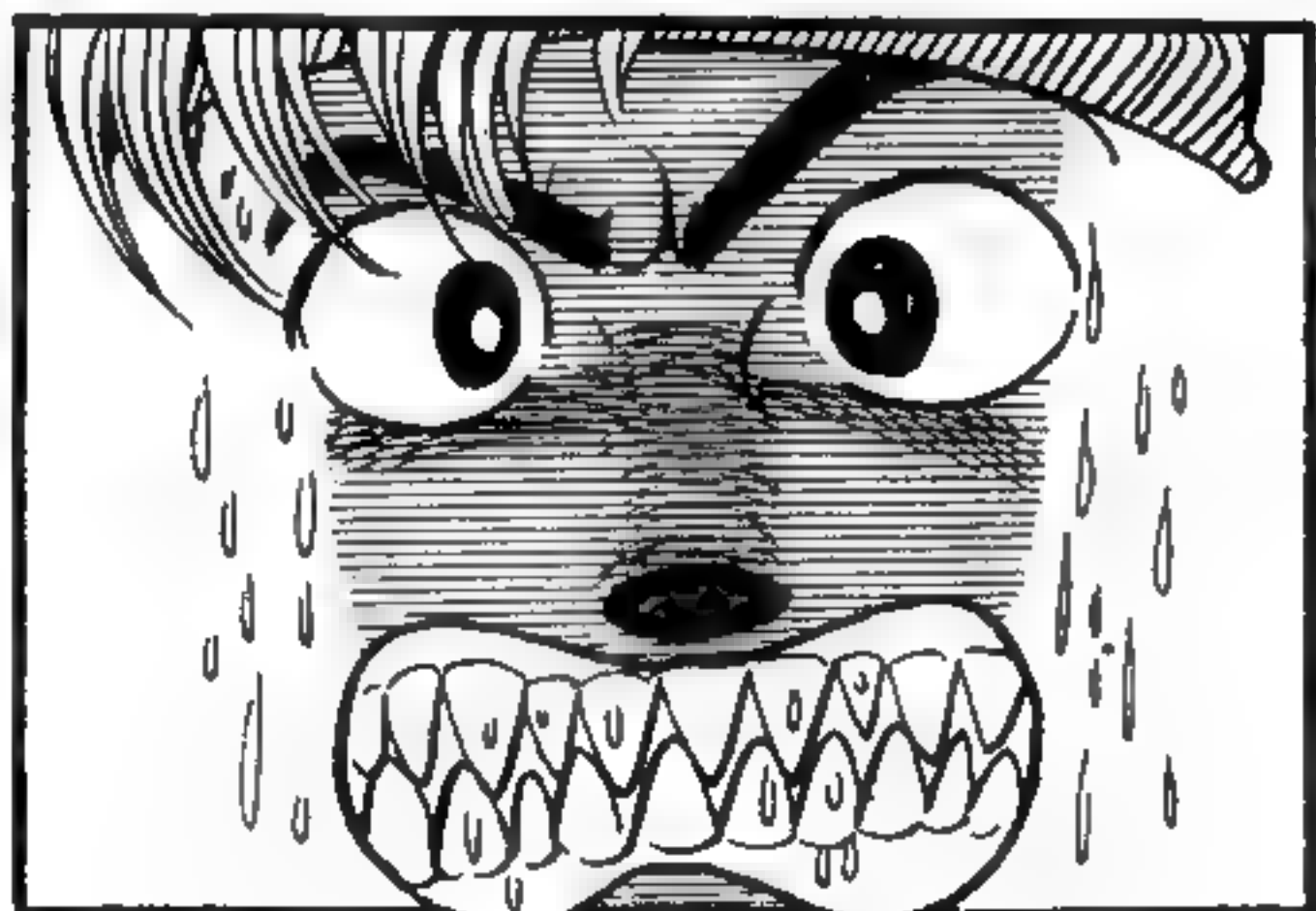
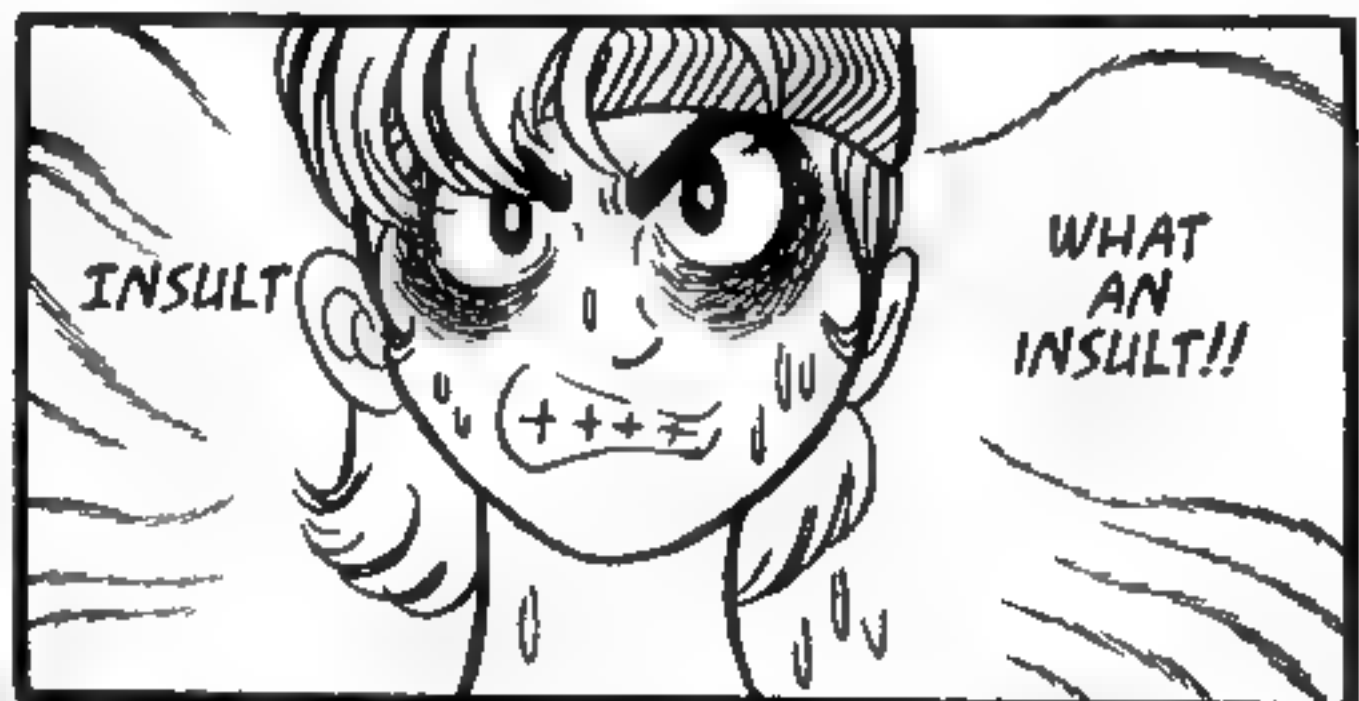
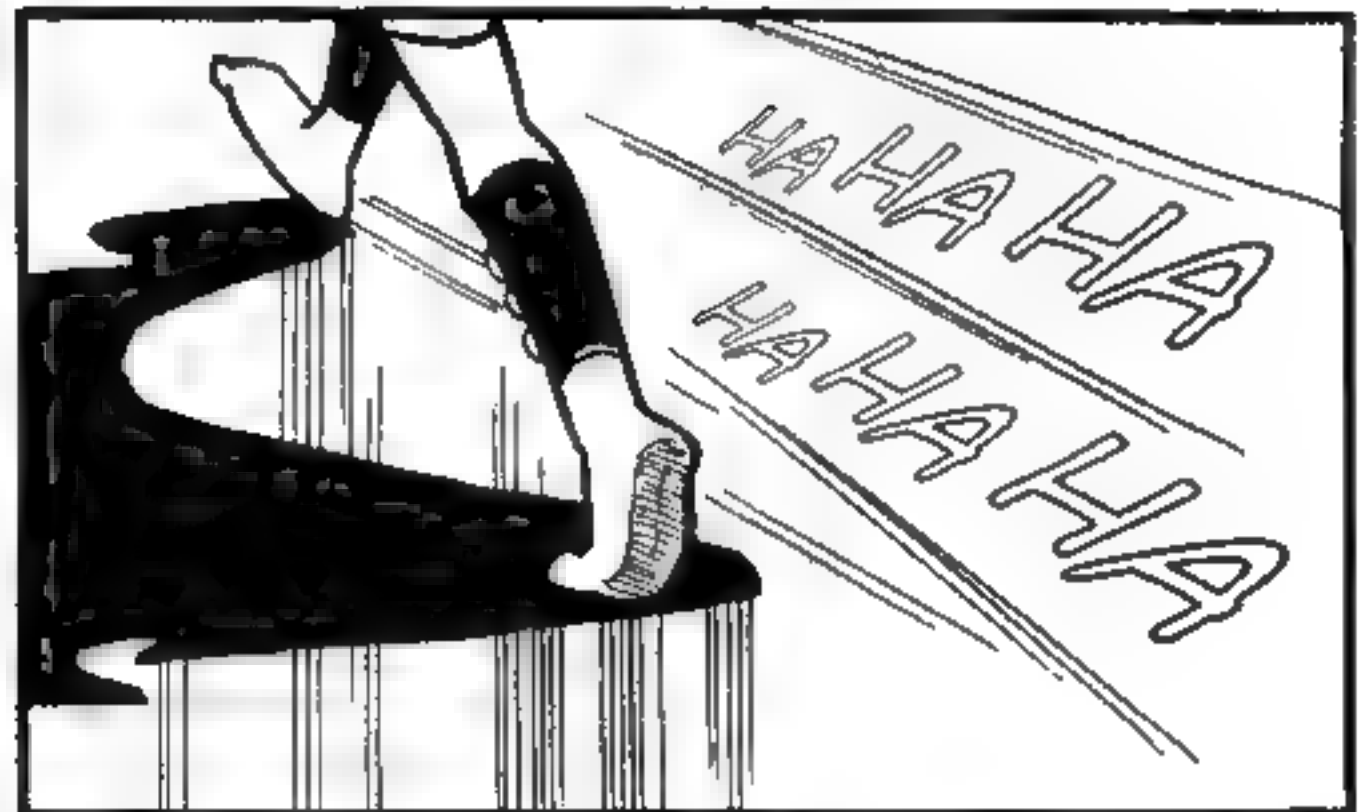
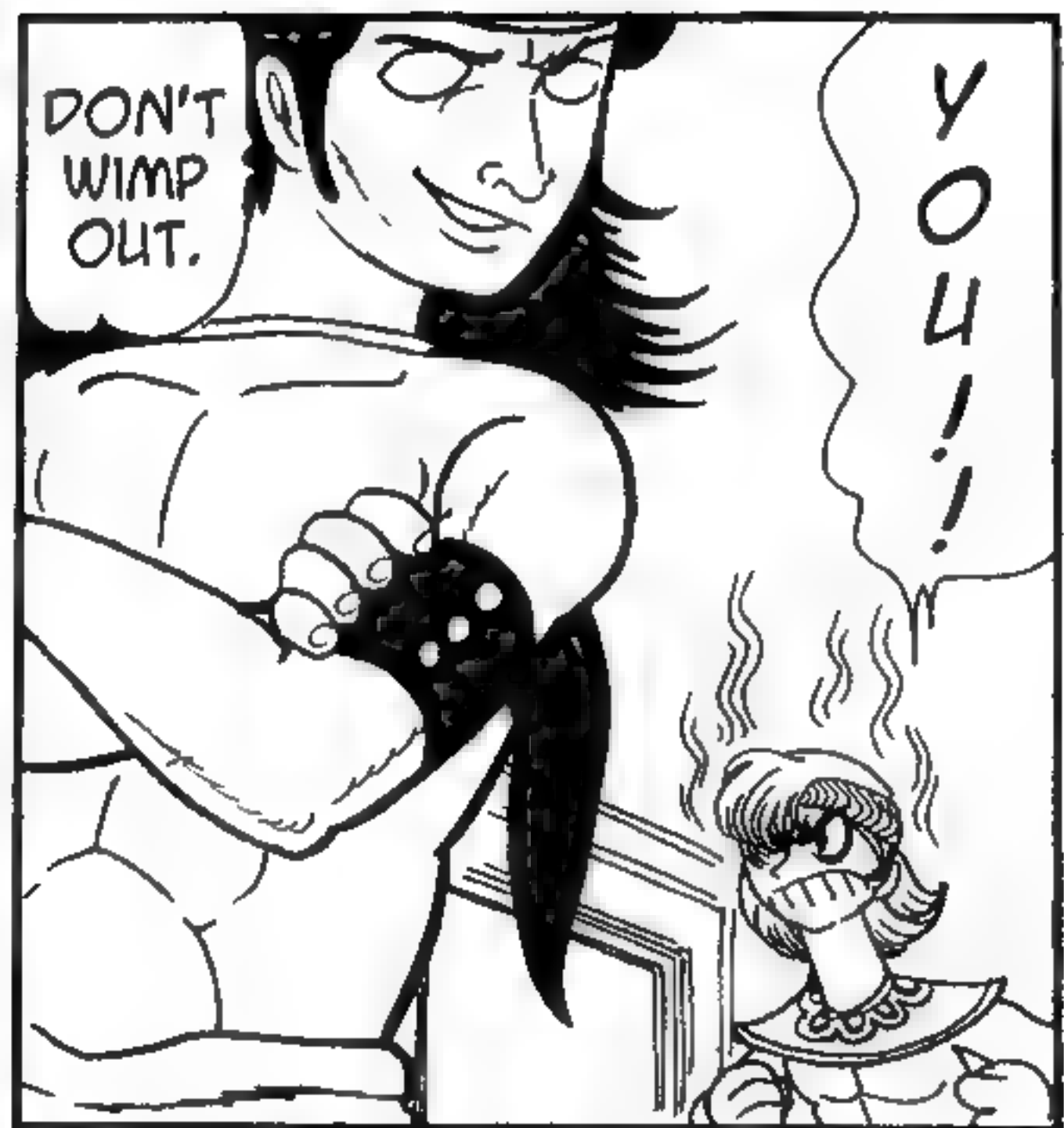


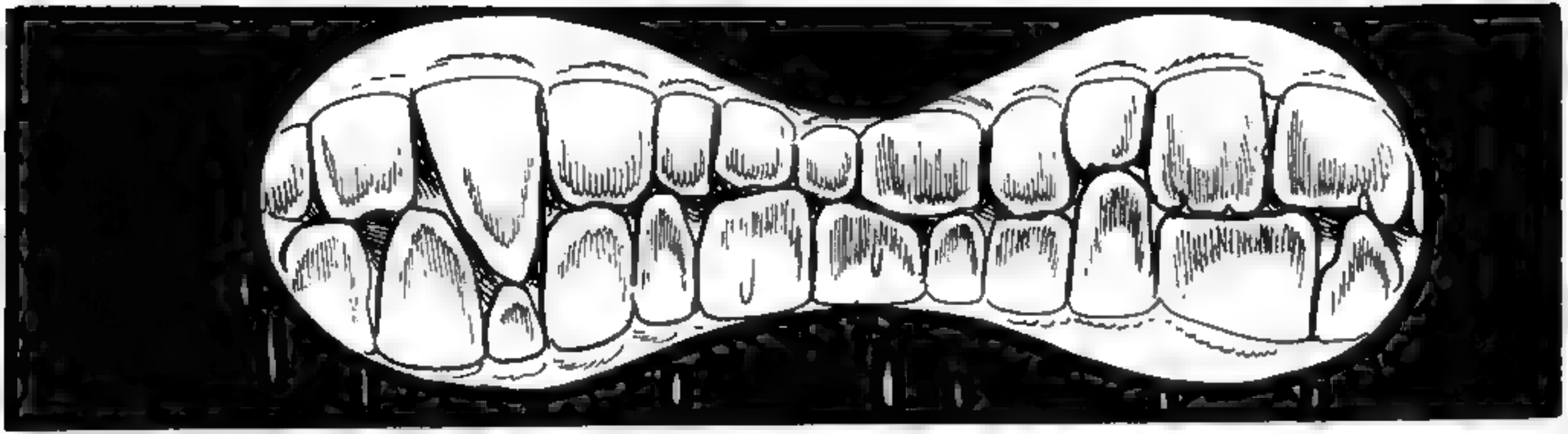


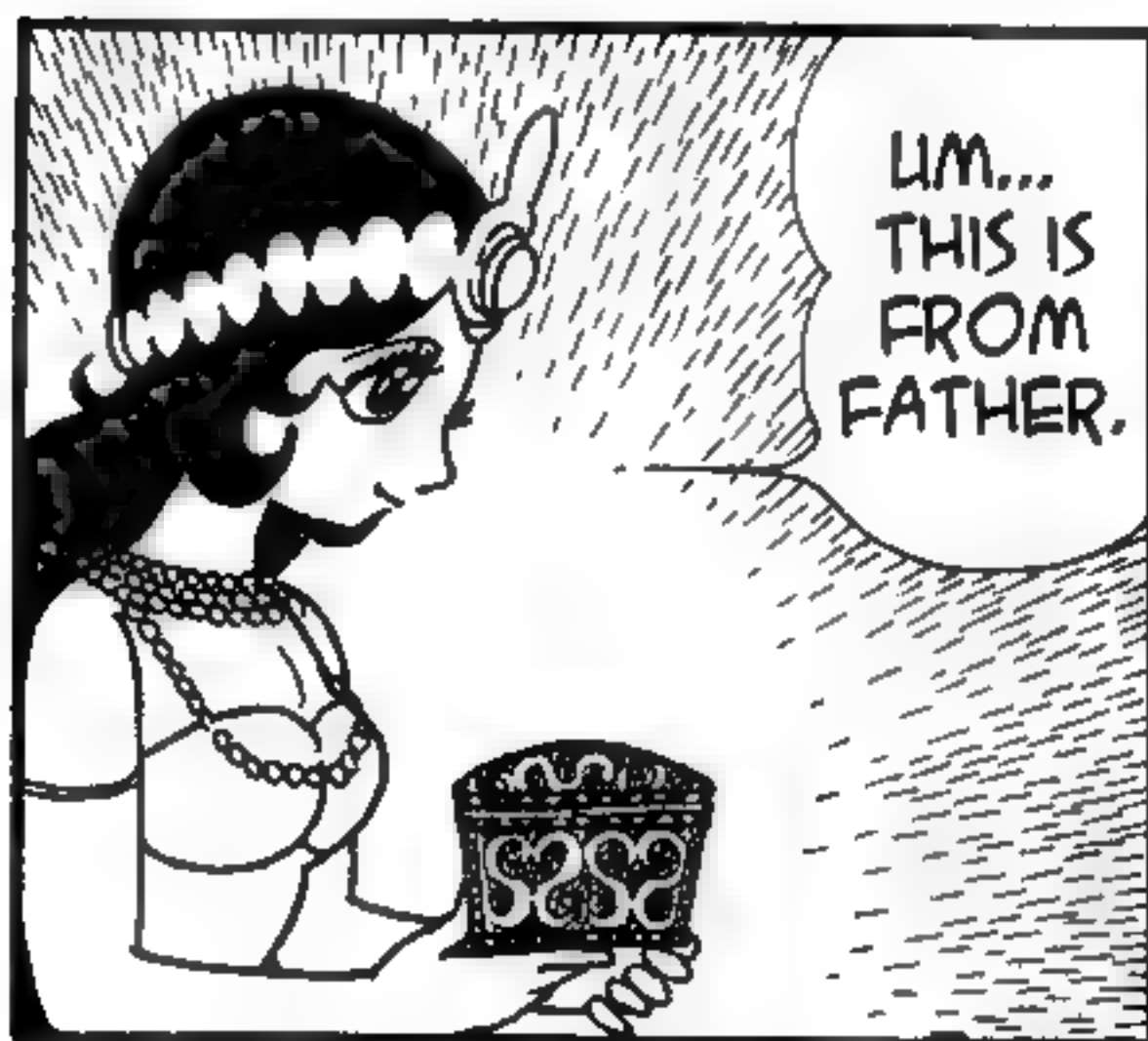
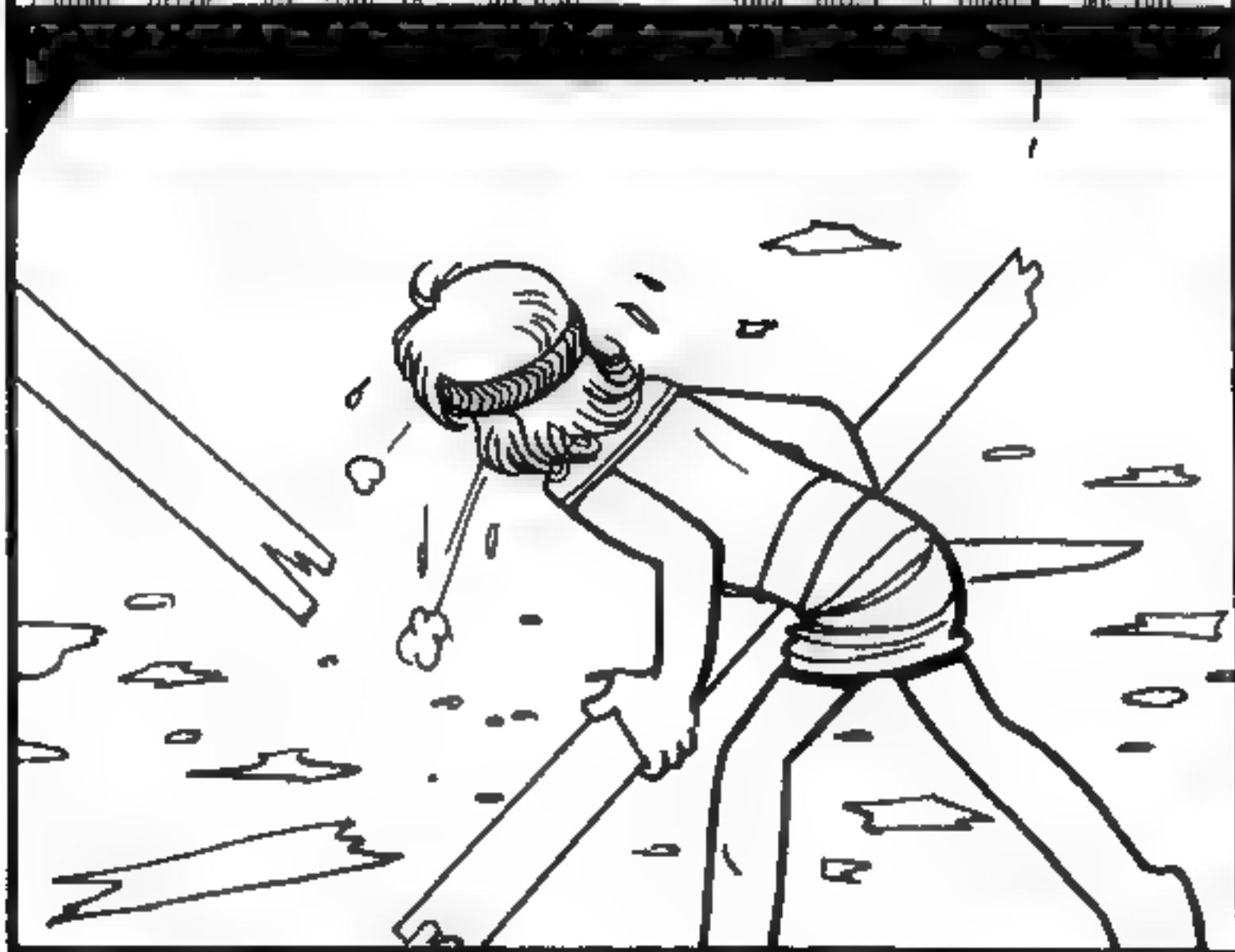


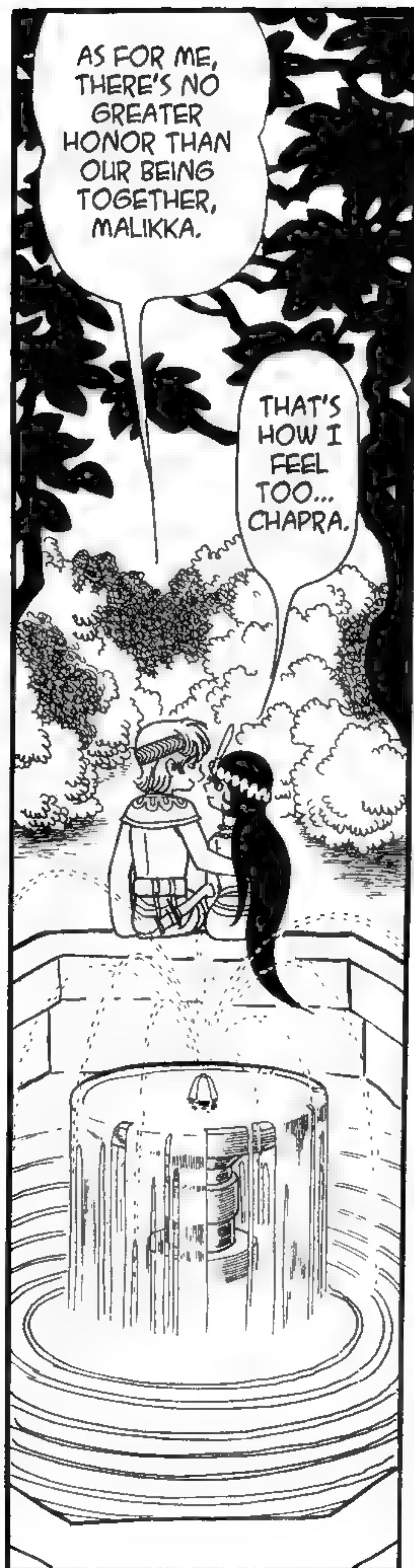


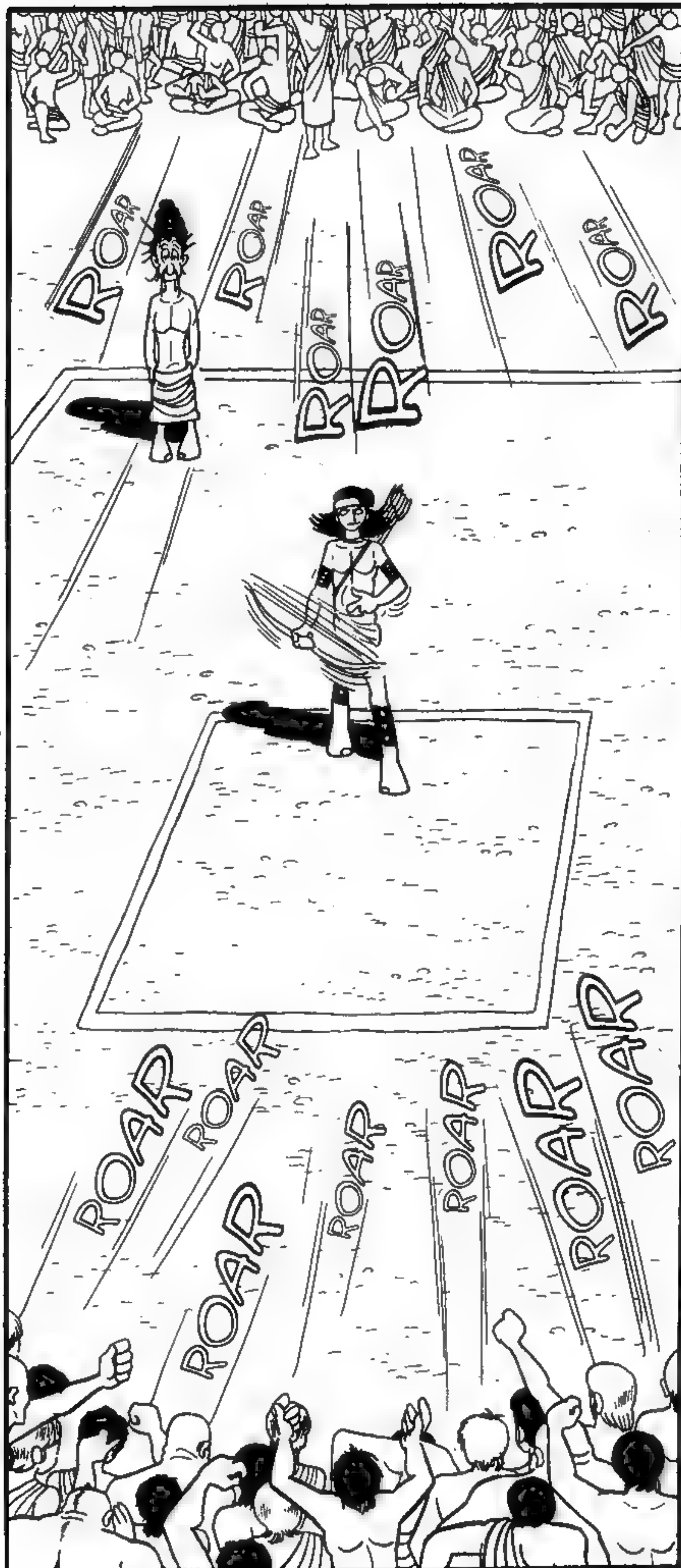








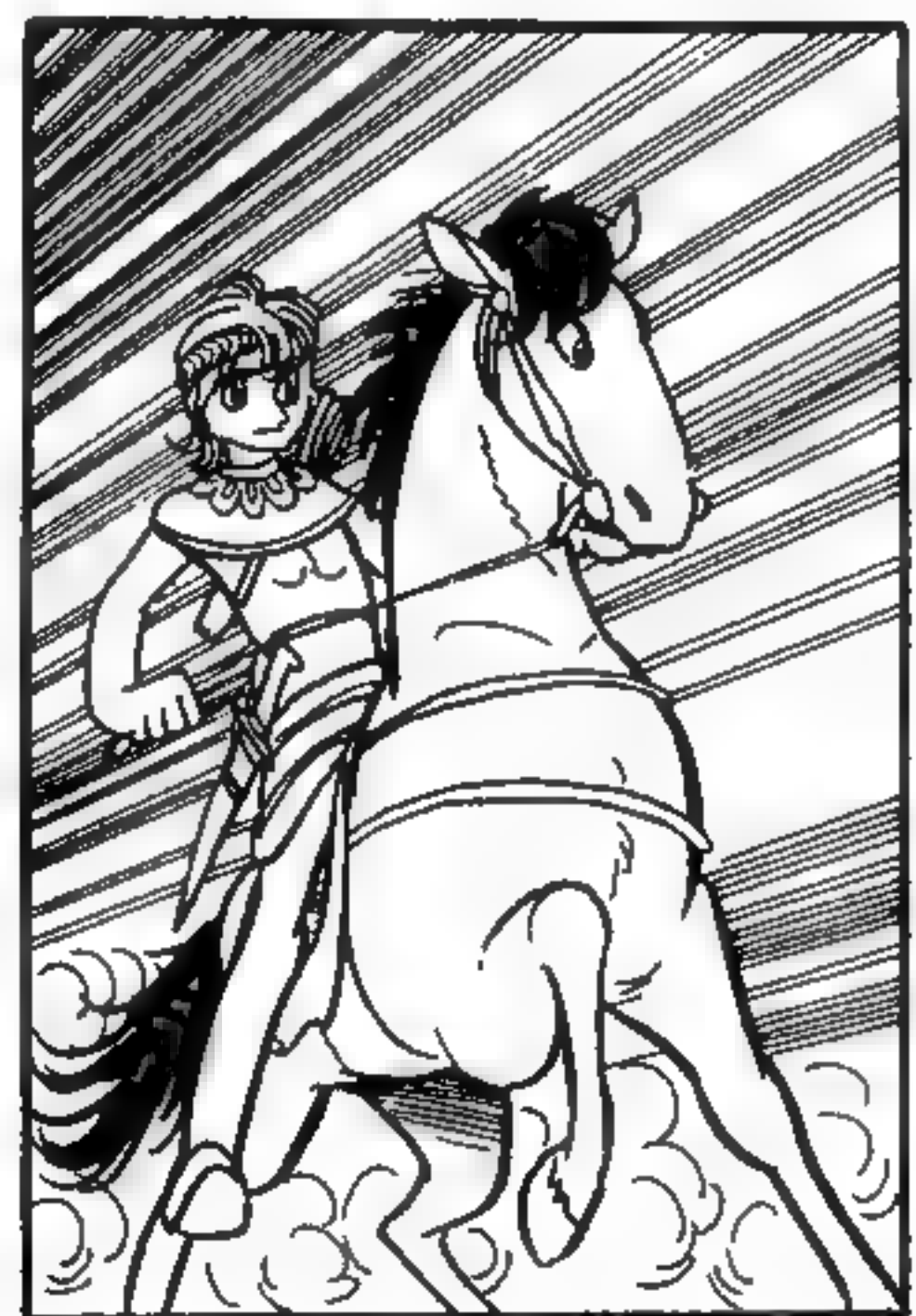
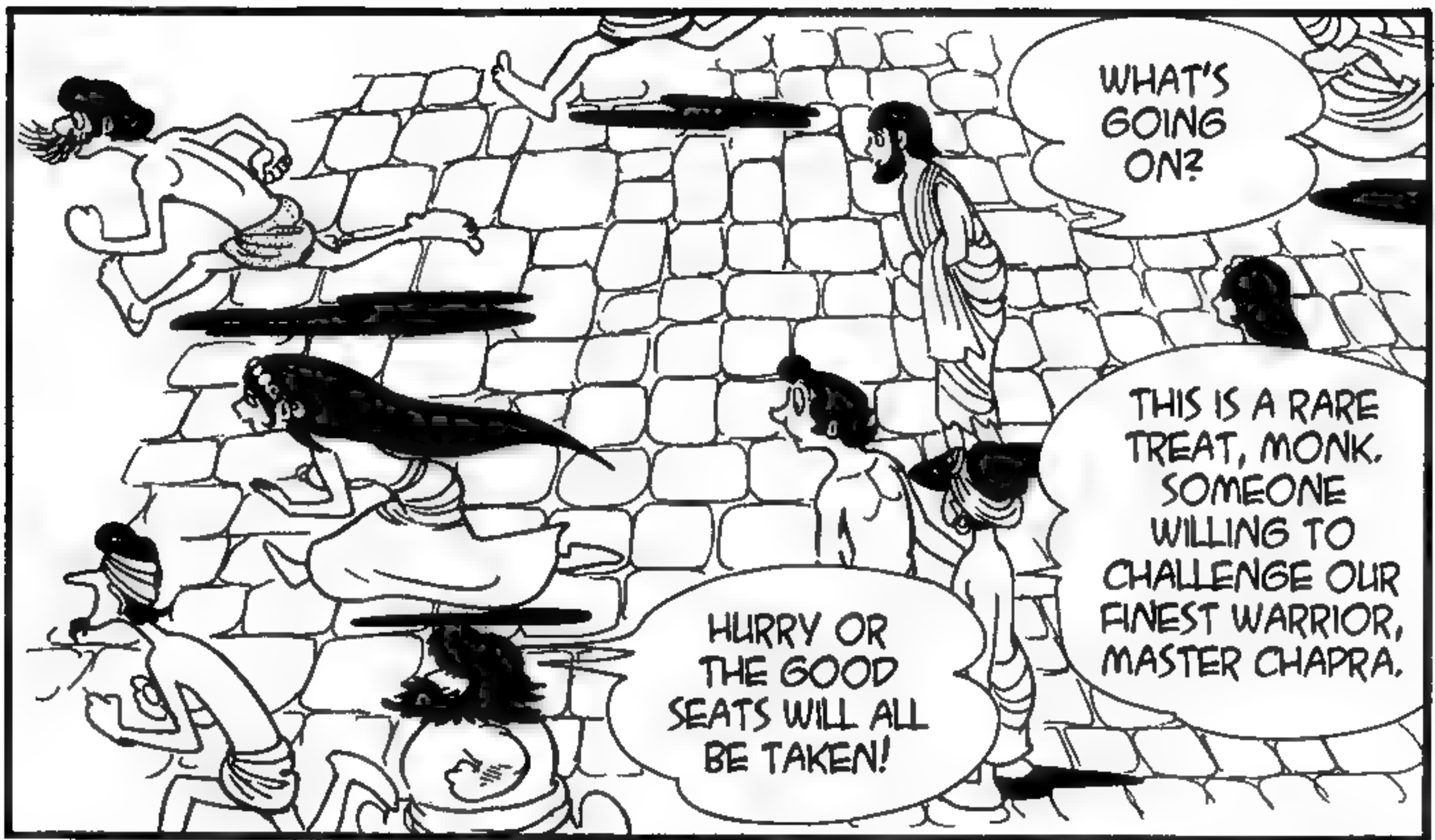


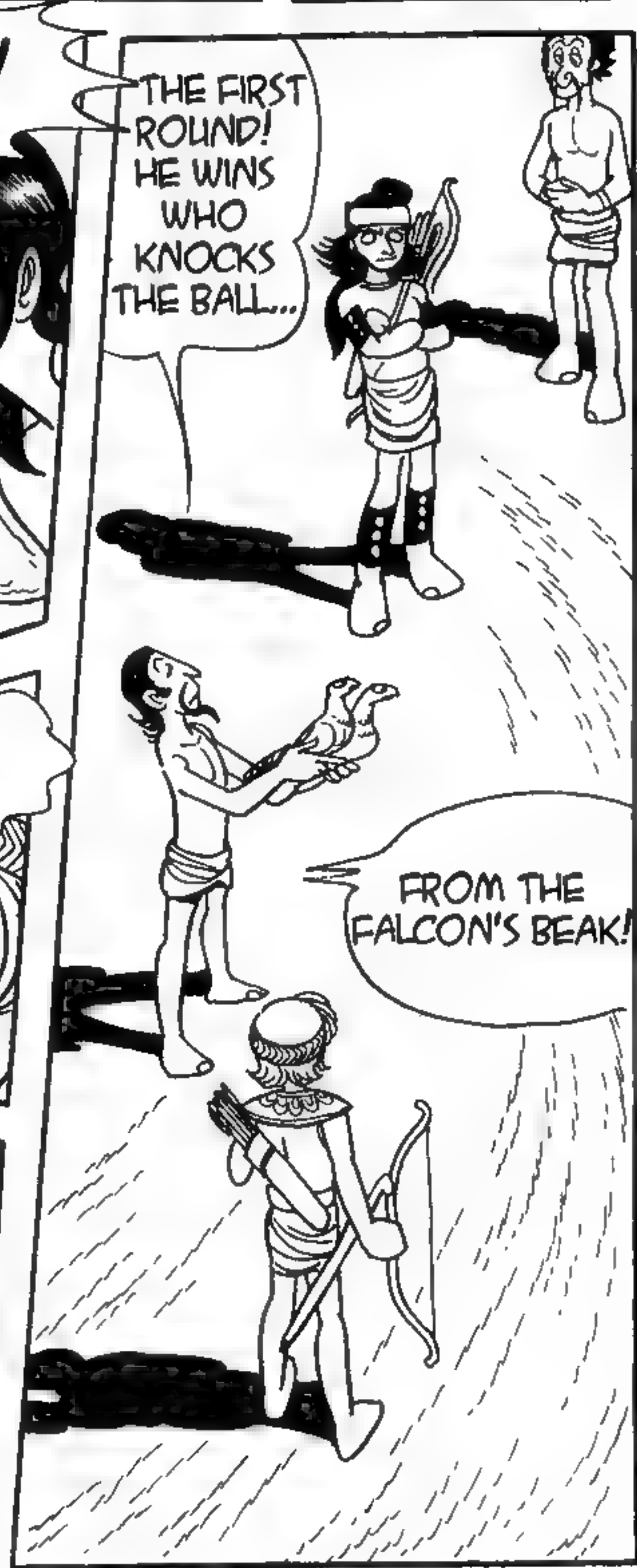


WE ARE ABOUT TO
COMMENCE AN
ARCHERY CONTEST
BETWEEN MASTER
CHAPRA AND
BANDAKA OF
KOLIYA.

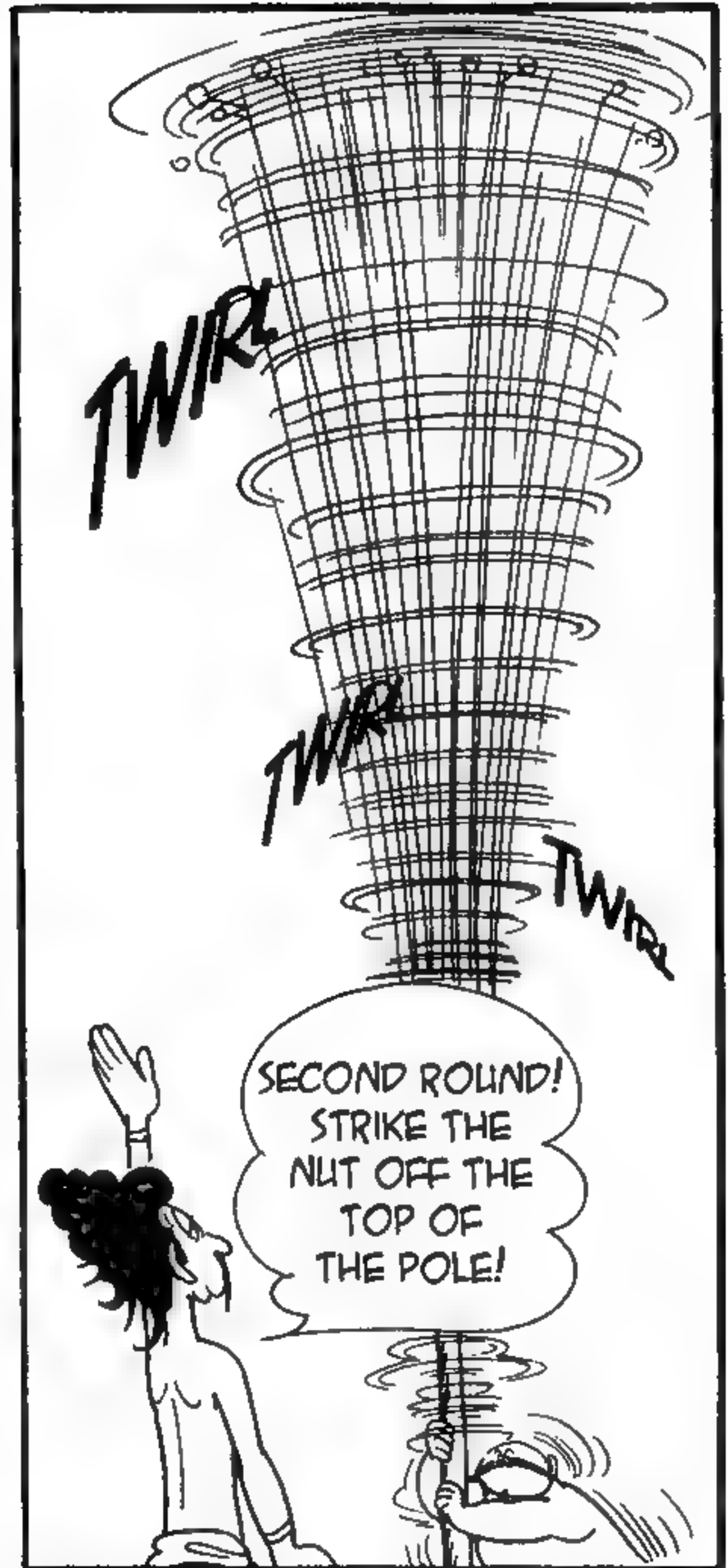
THIS IS NOT AN
OFFICIAL CONTEST.
SPECTATORS ARE
ADVISED TO MAINTAIN
A SAFE DISTANCE
AT ALL TIMES.

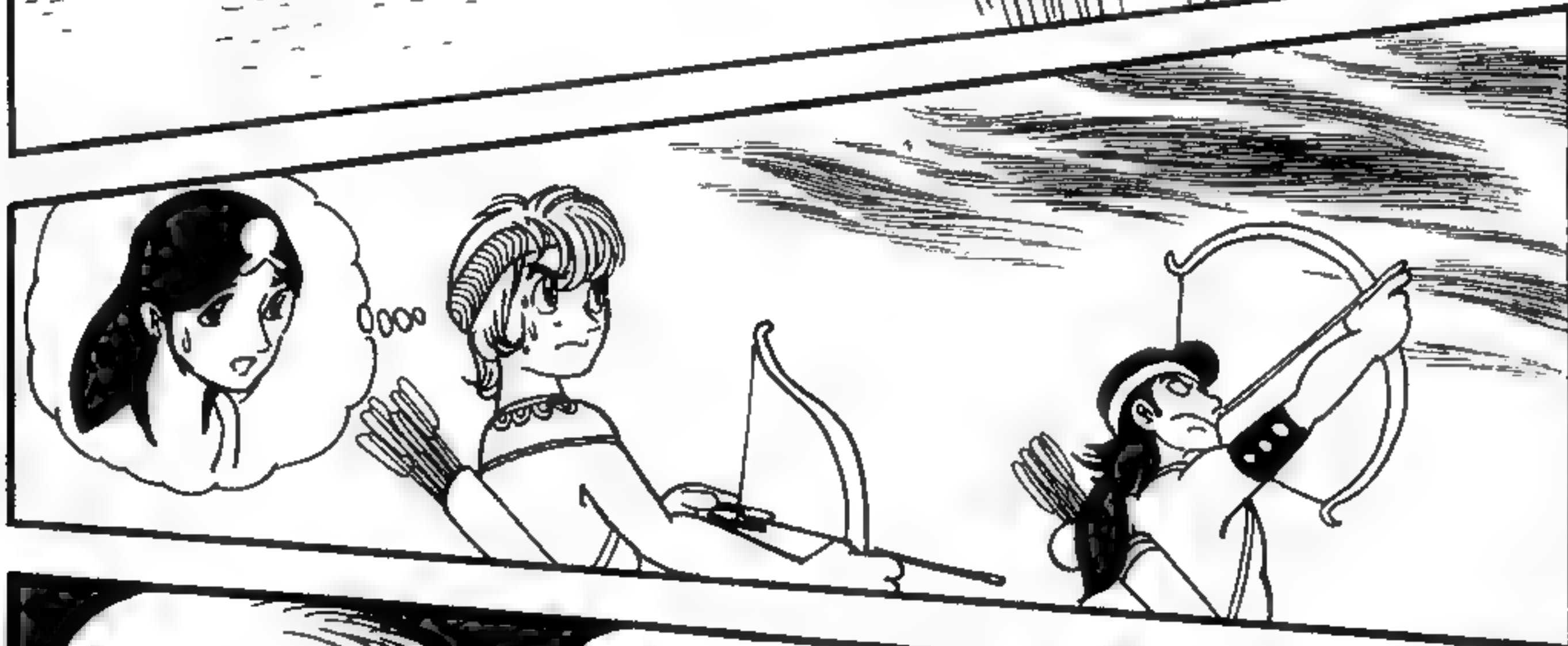
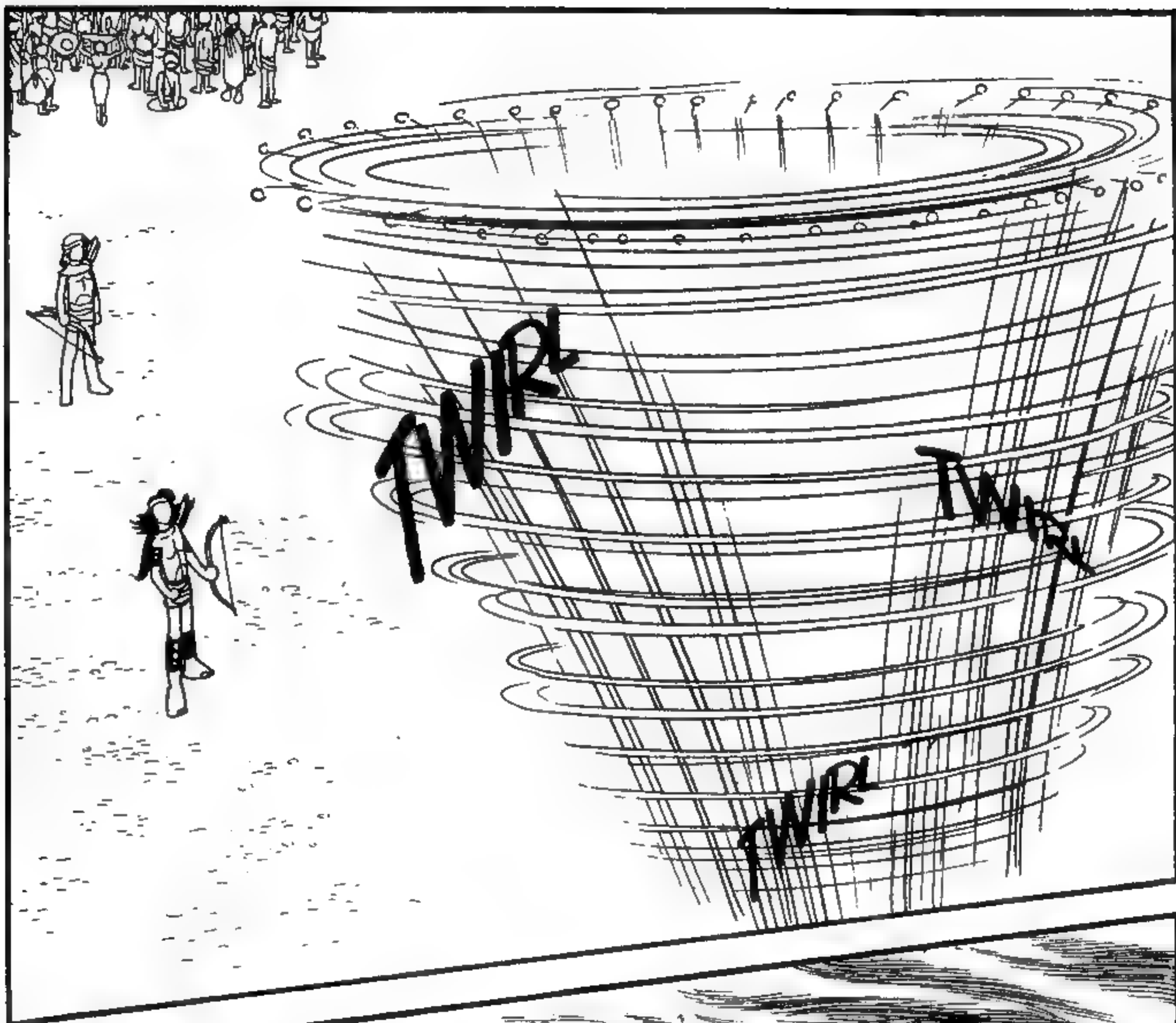


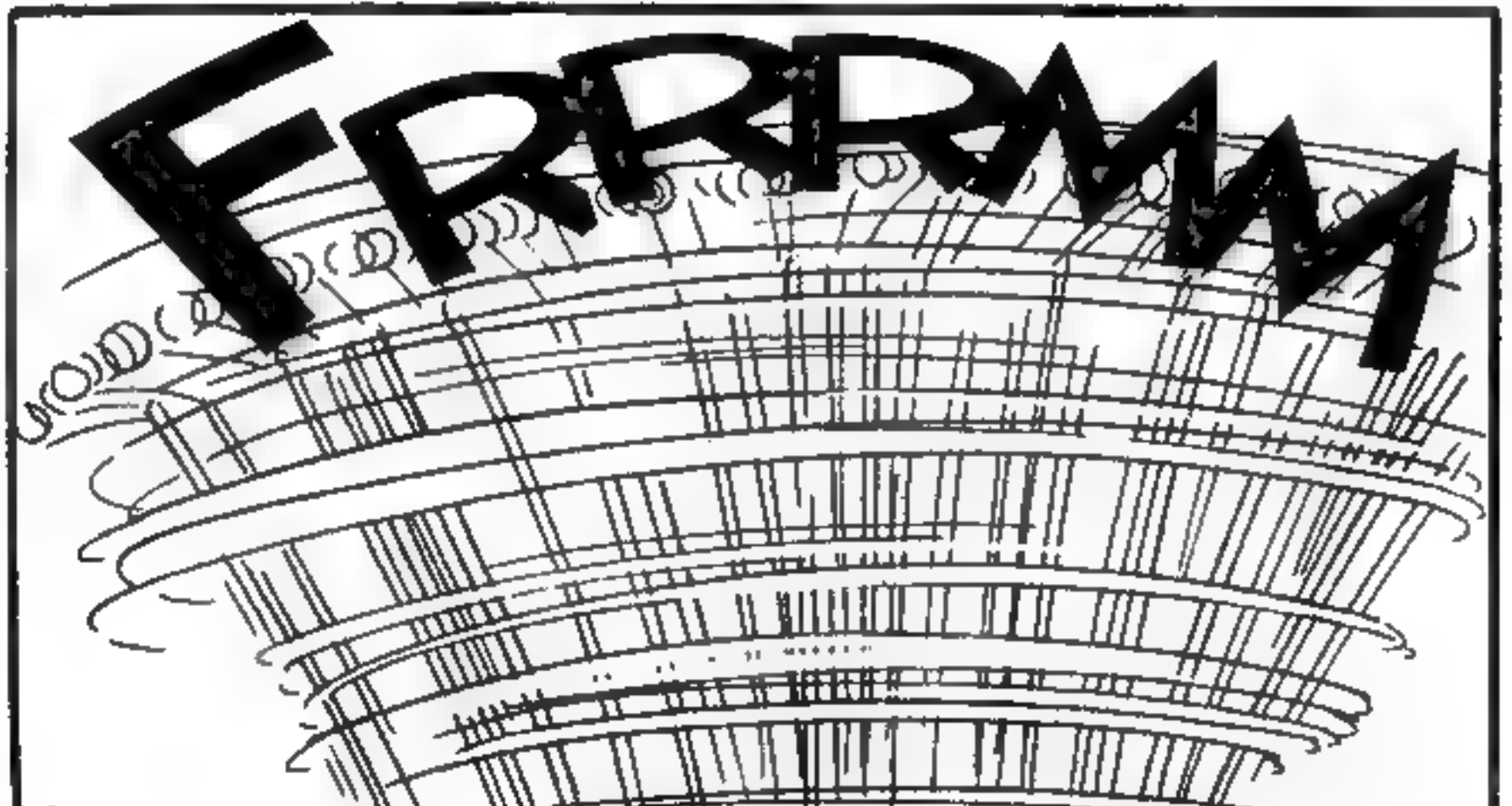
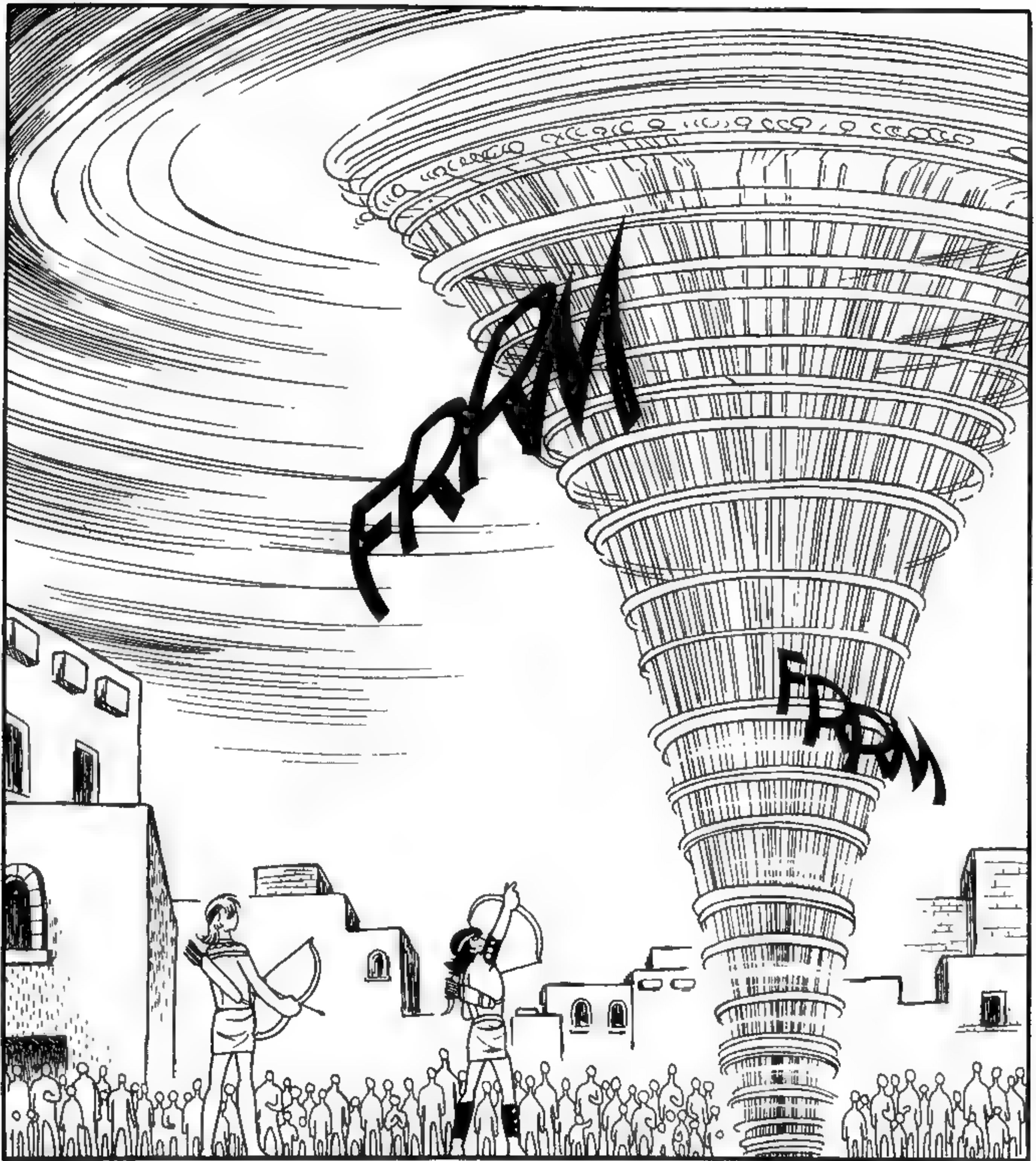




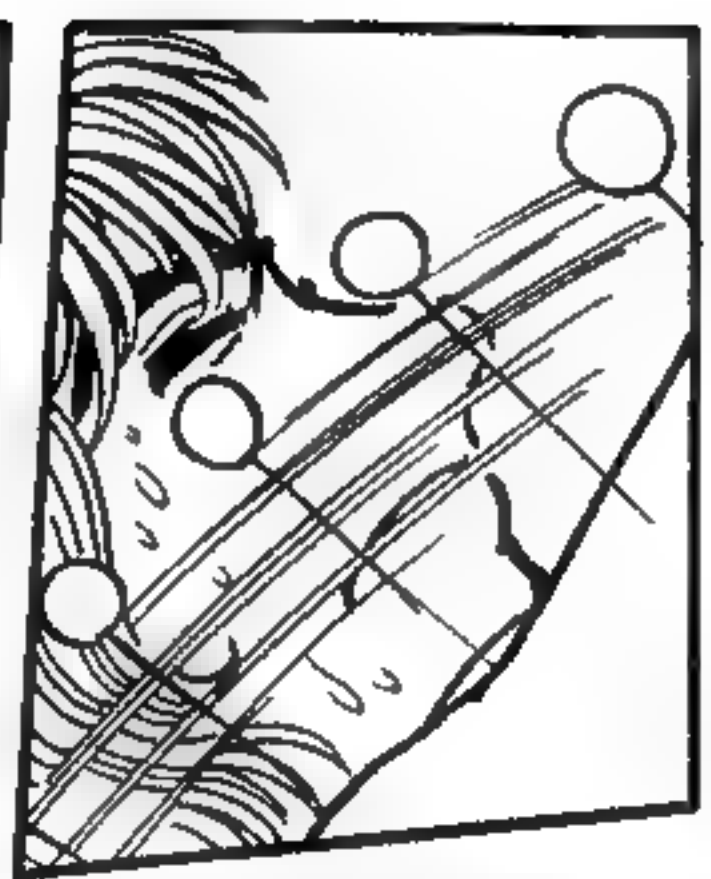


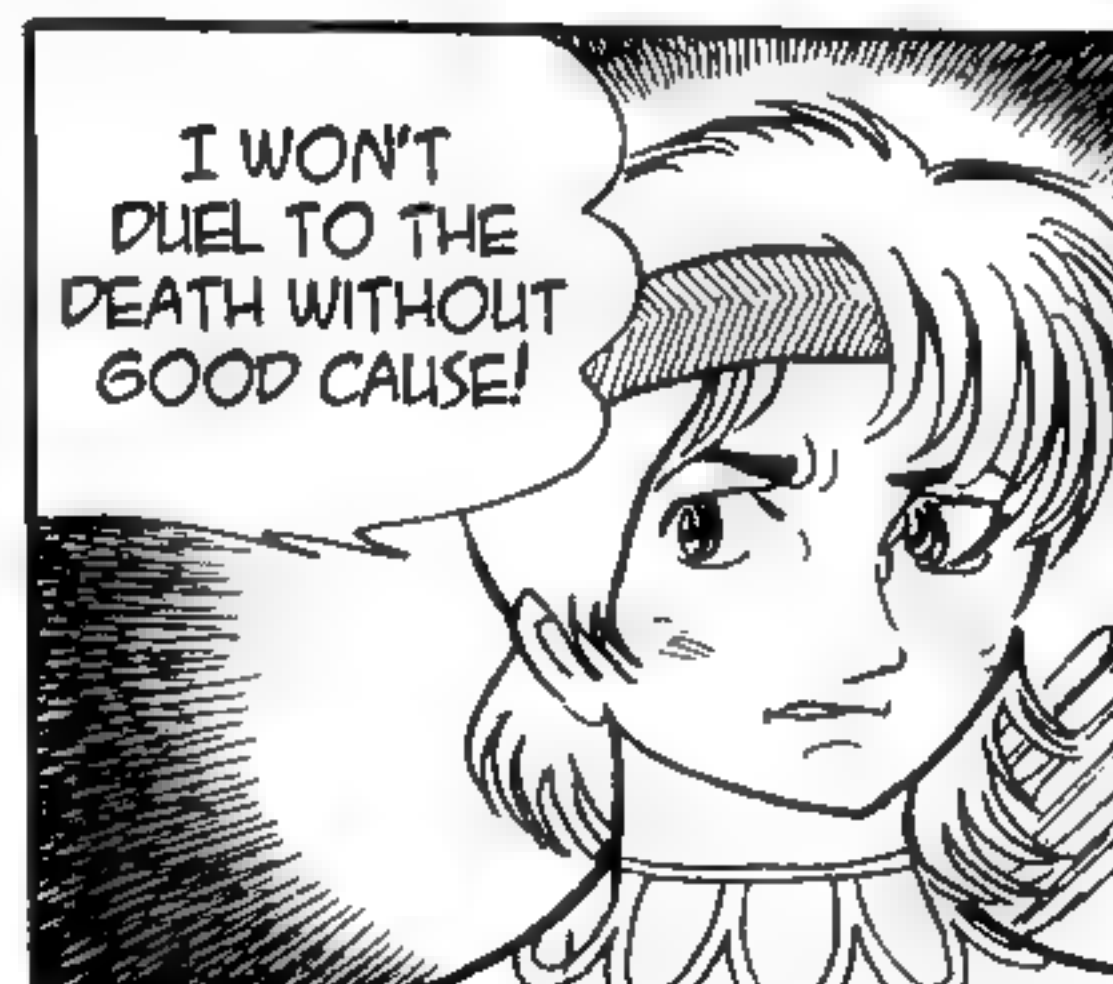
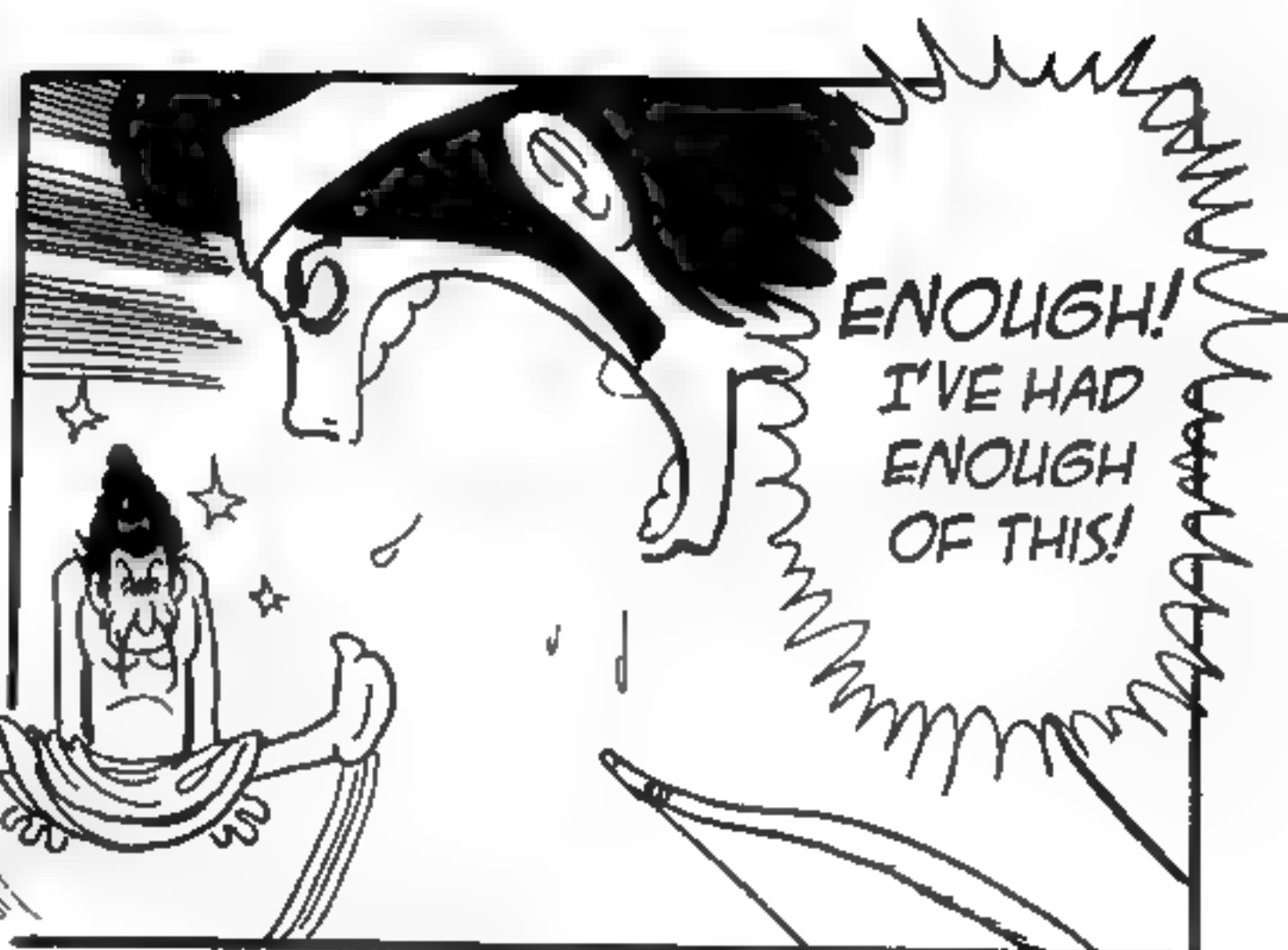


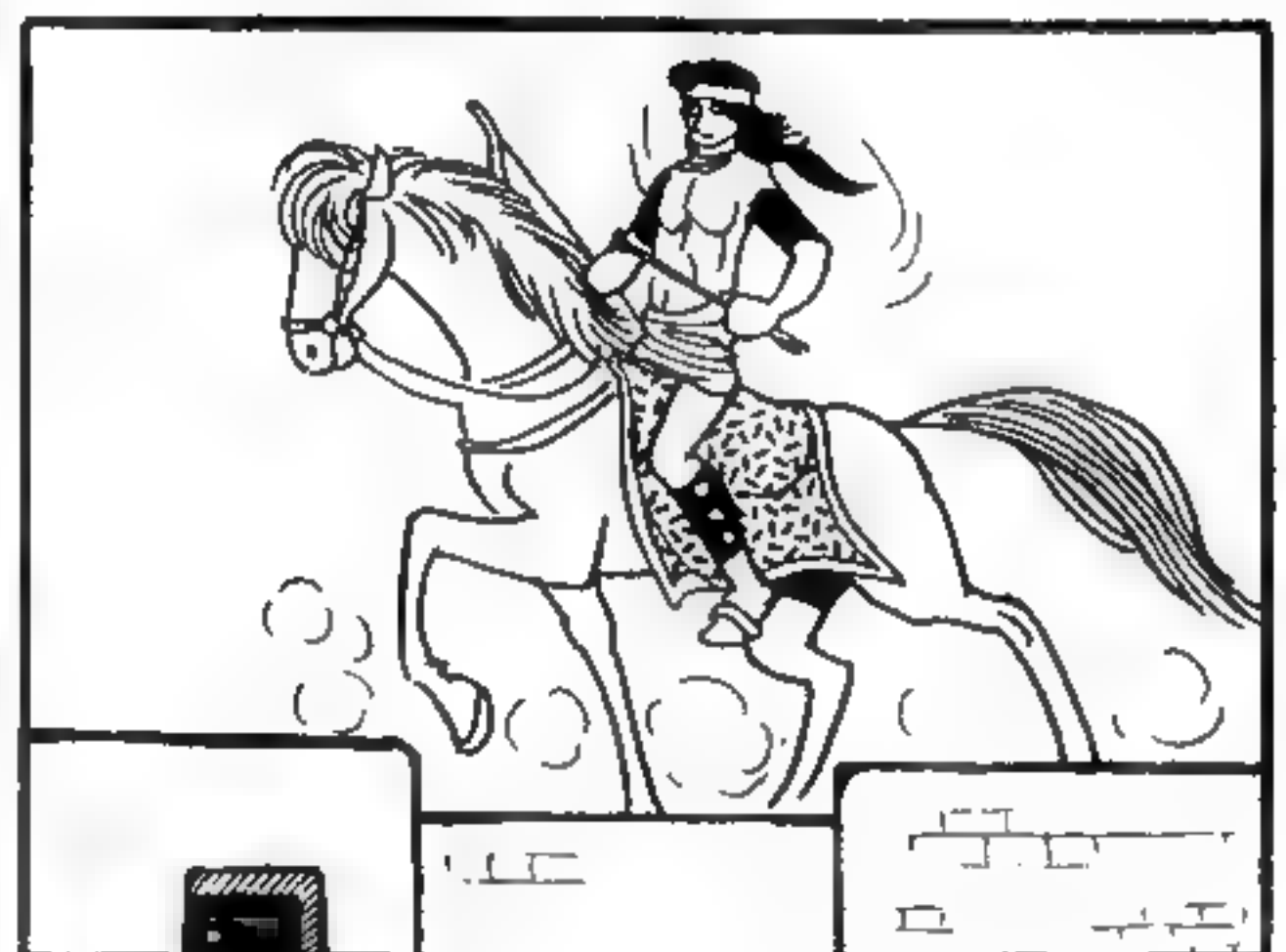
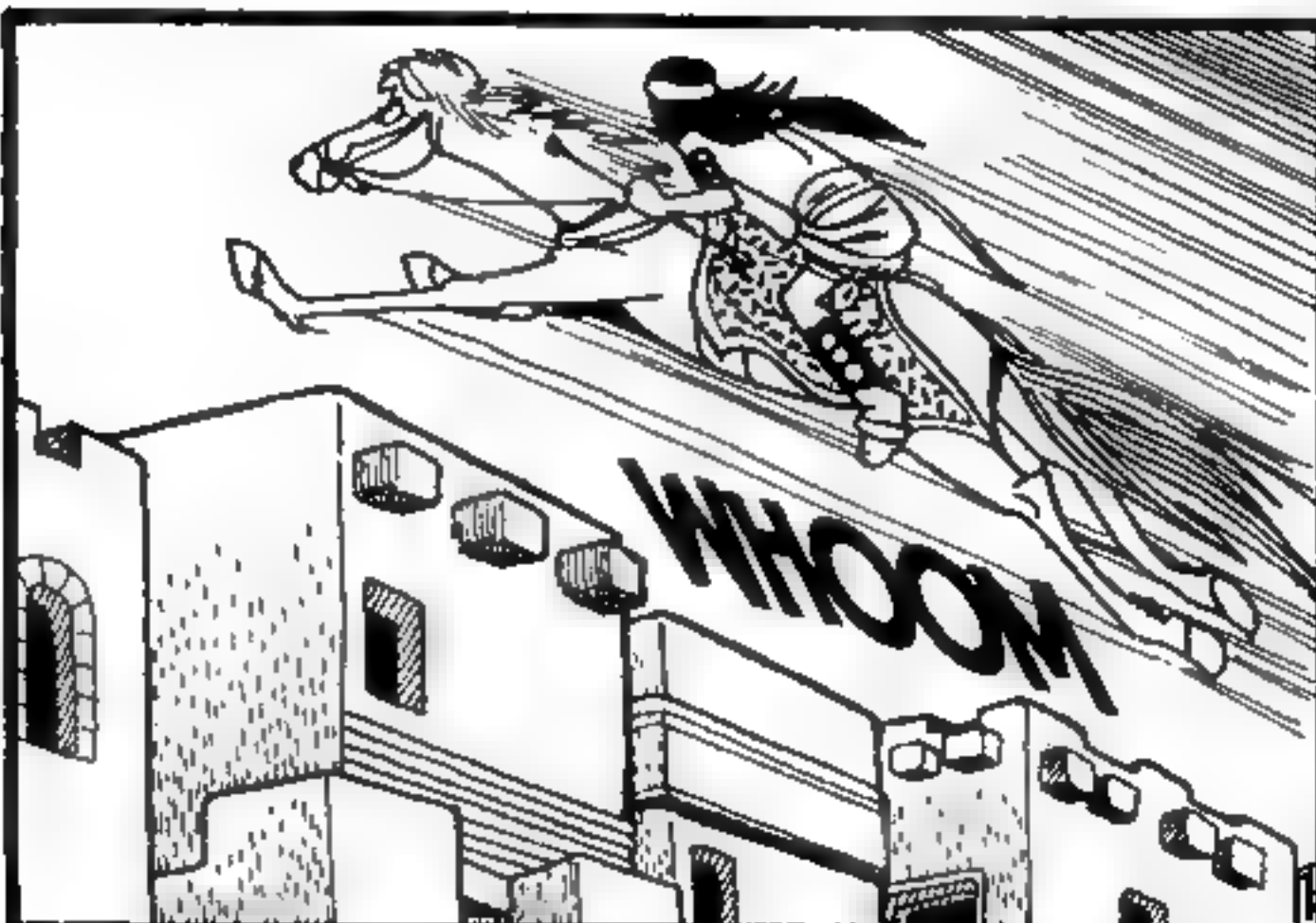
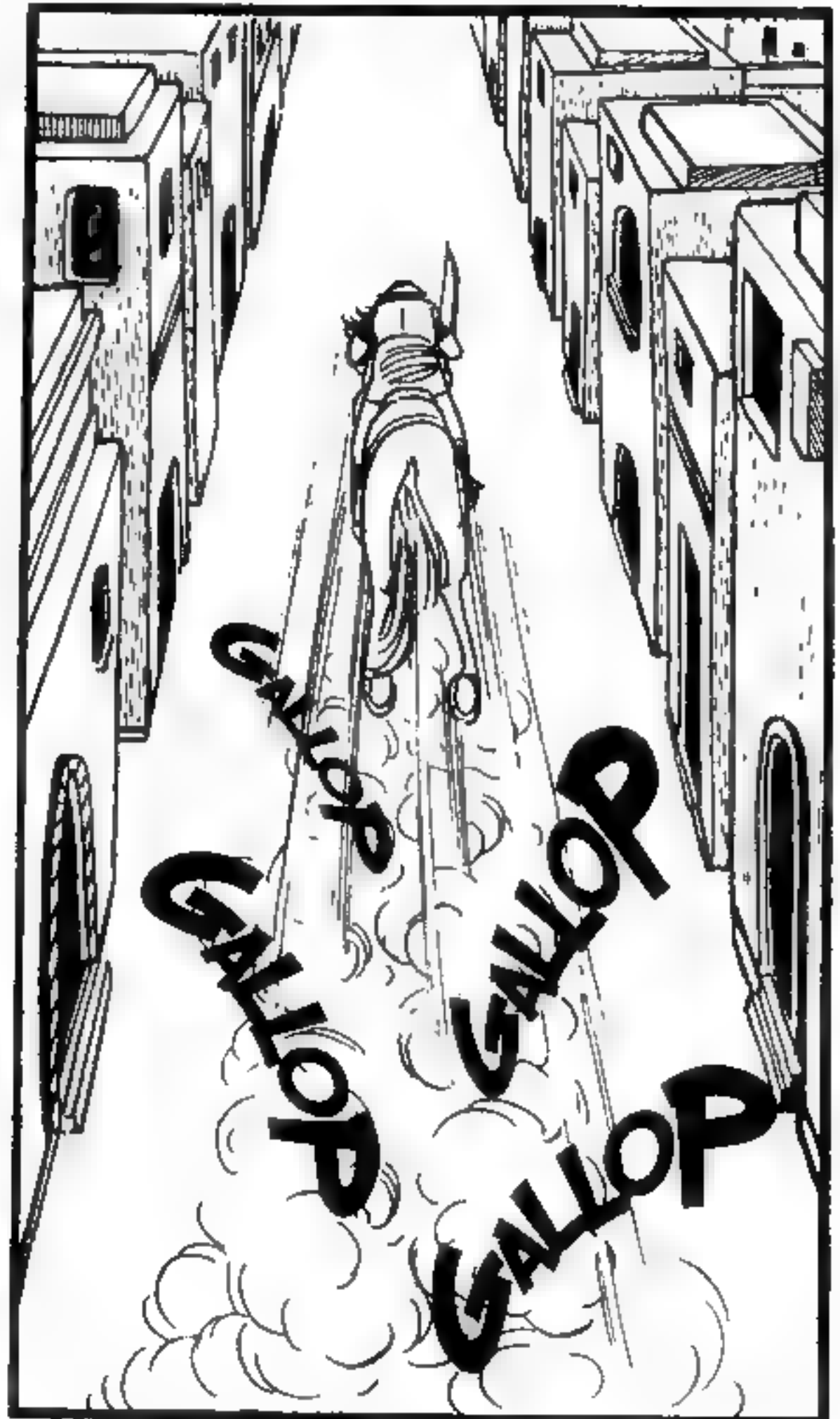
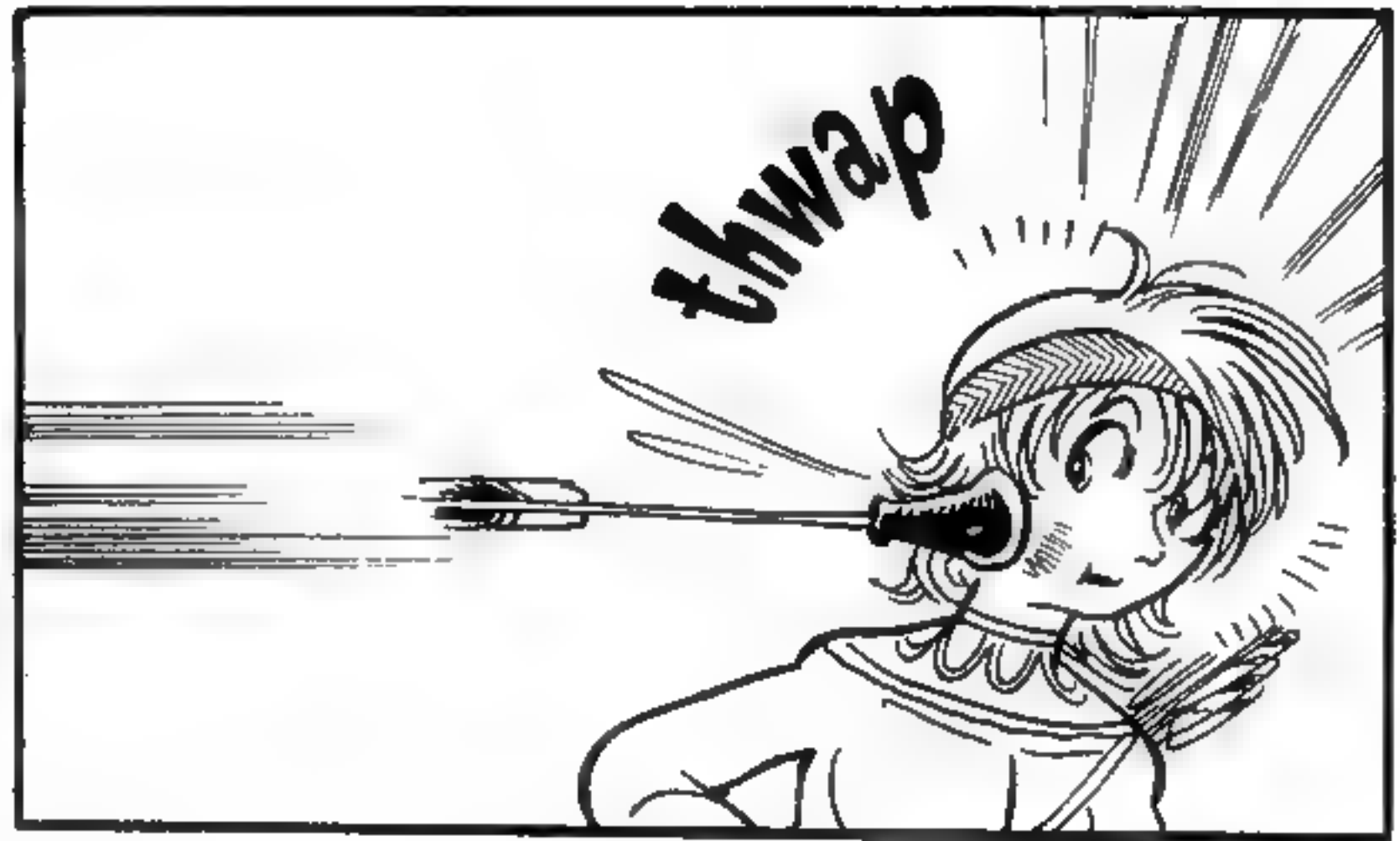


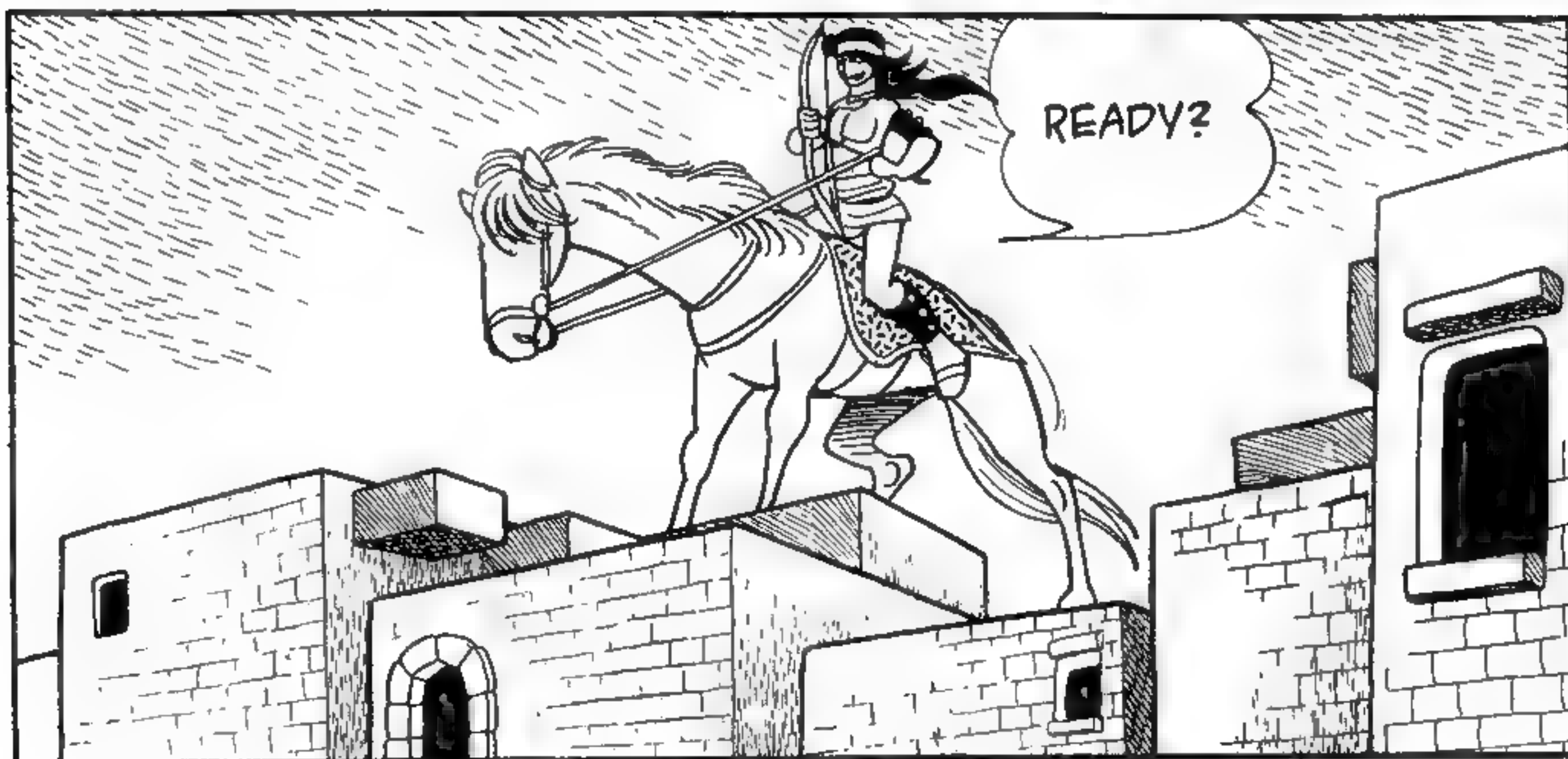
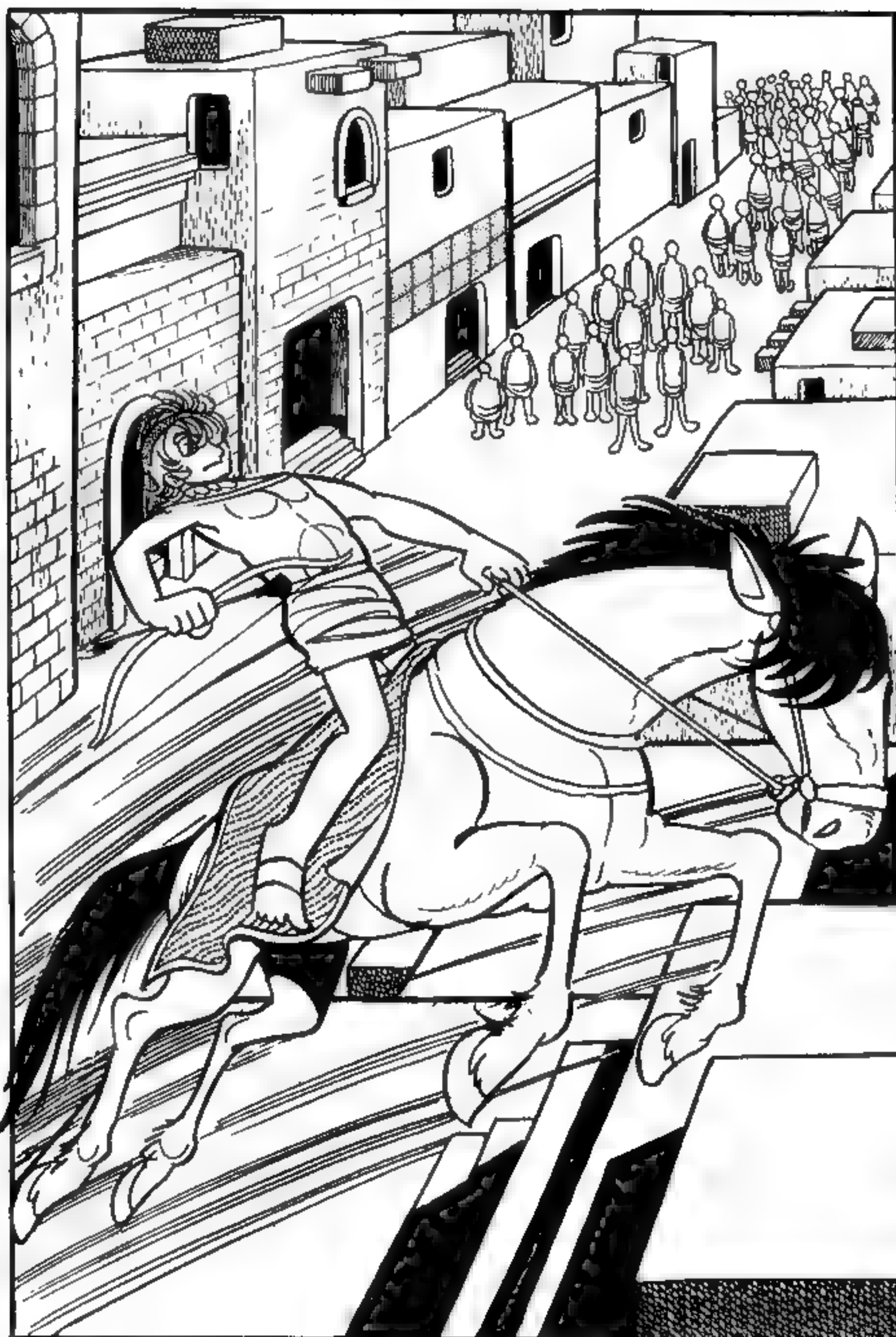
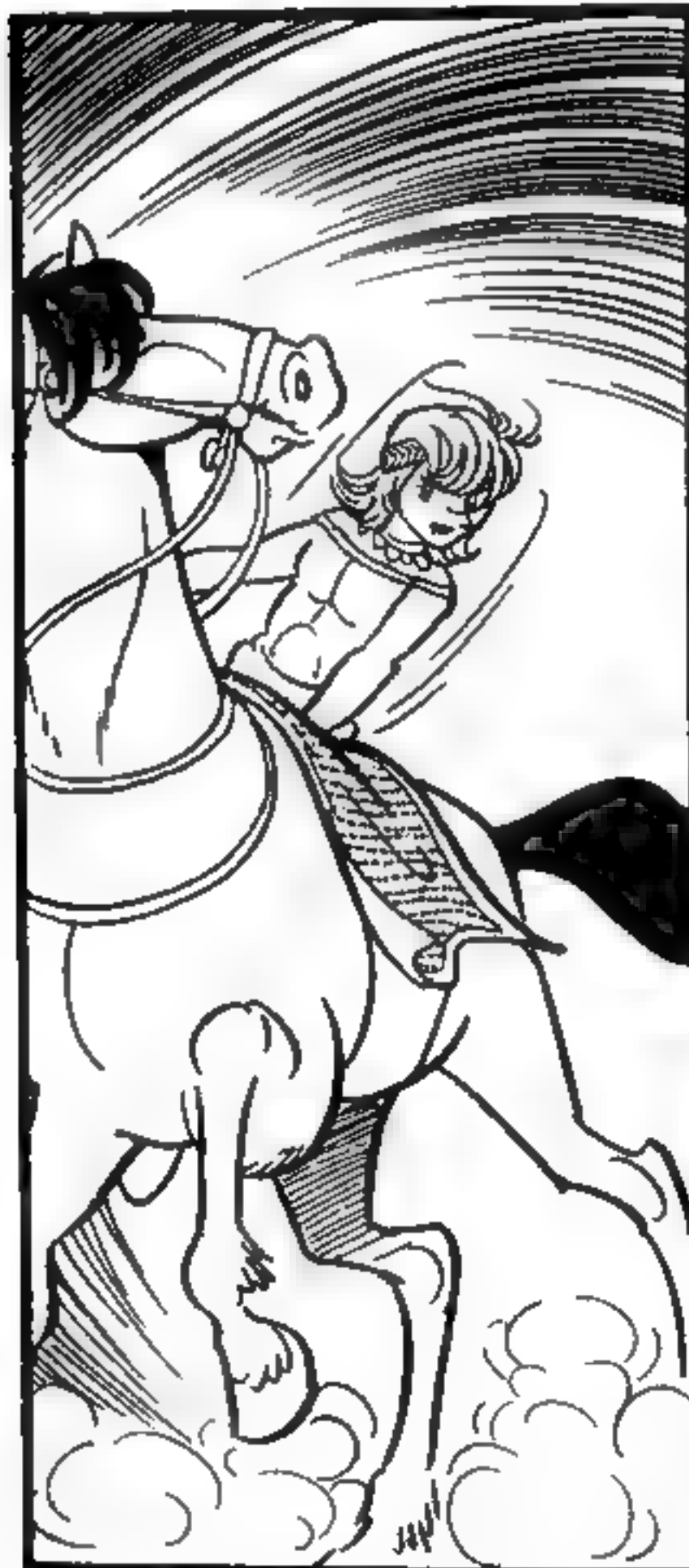


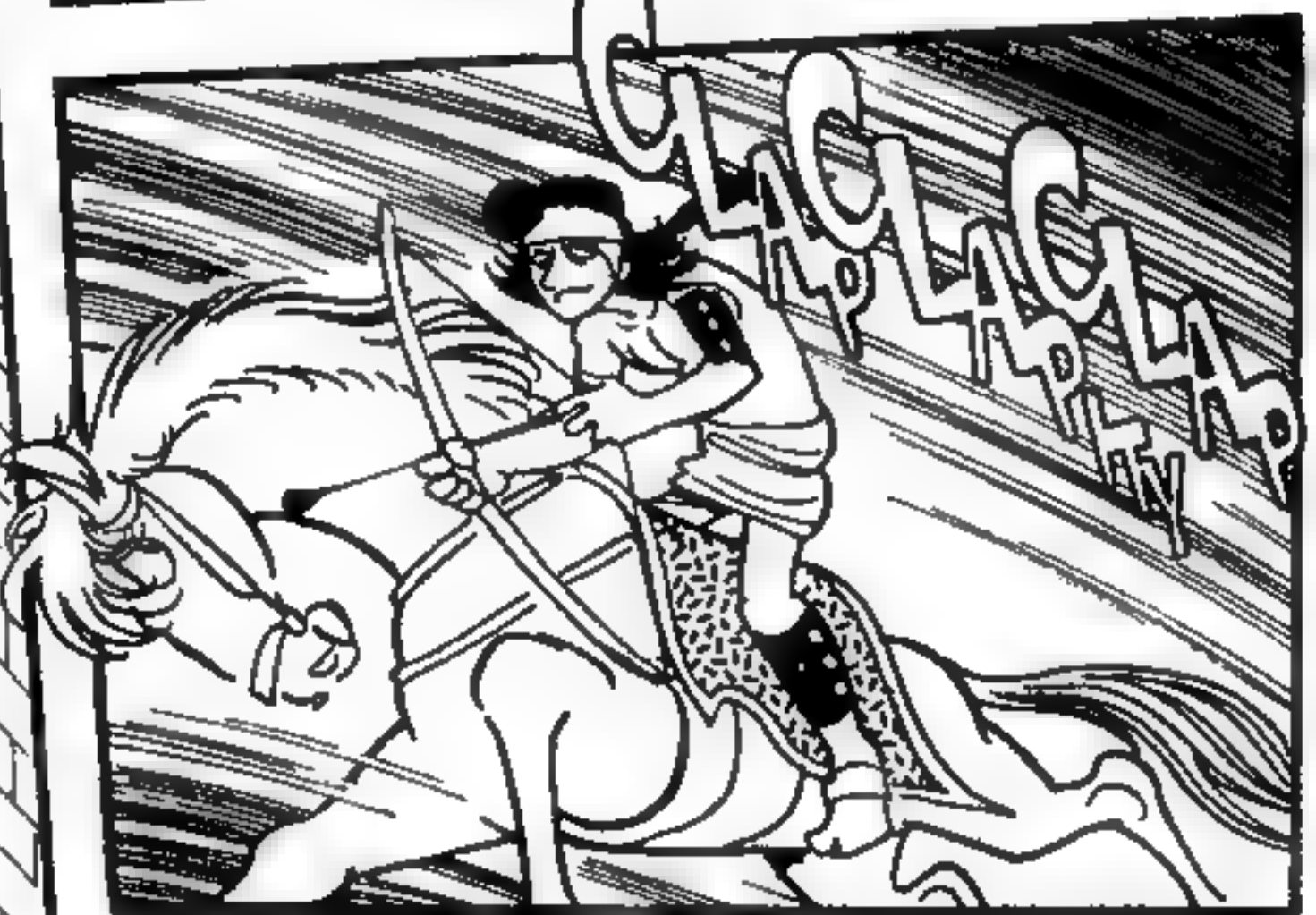
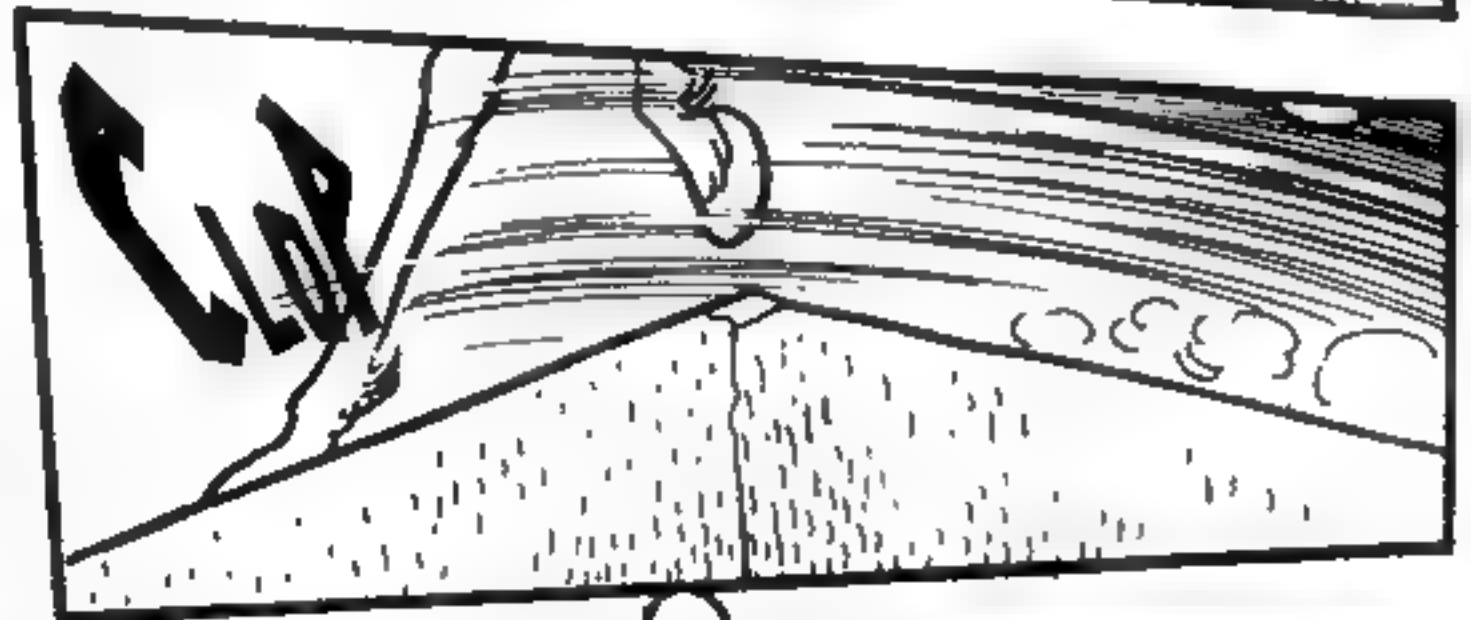
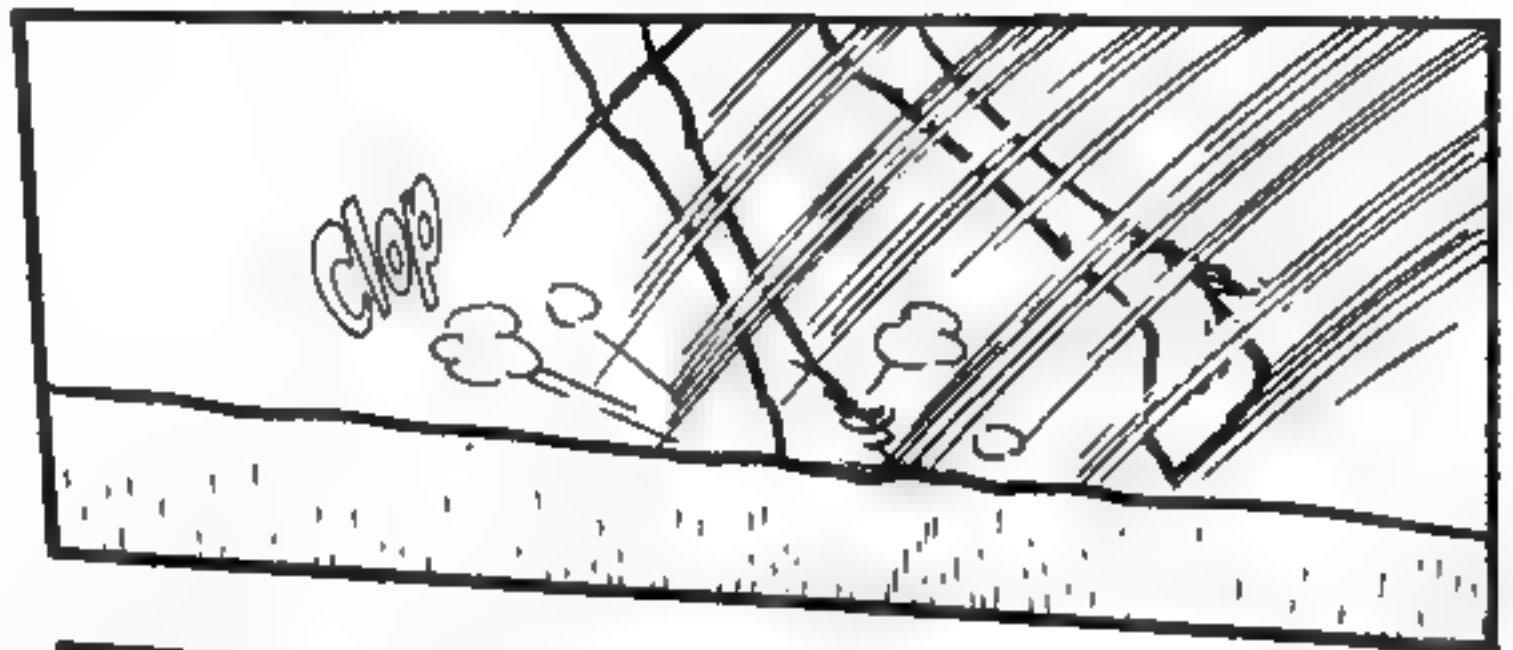
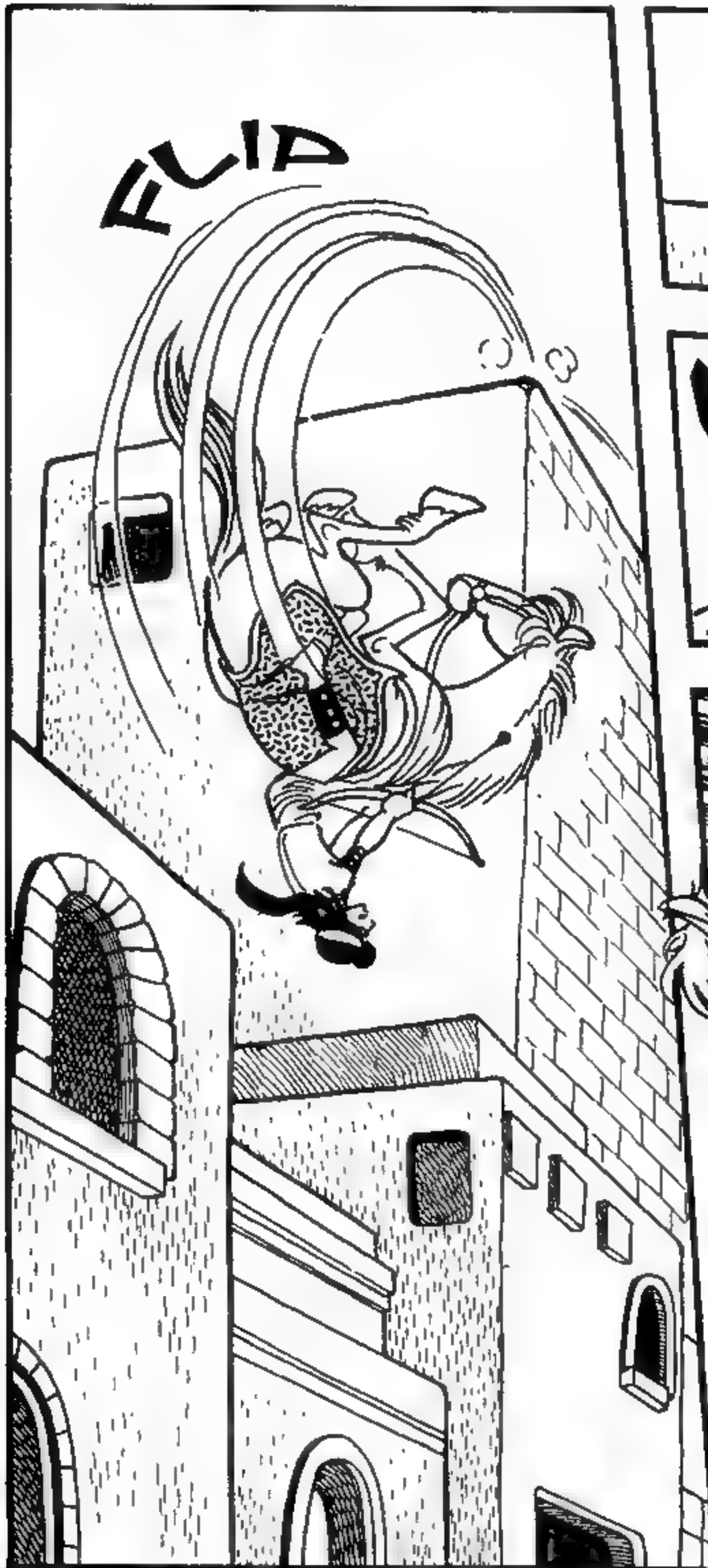
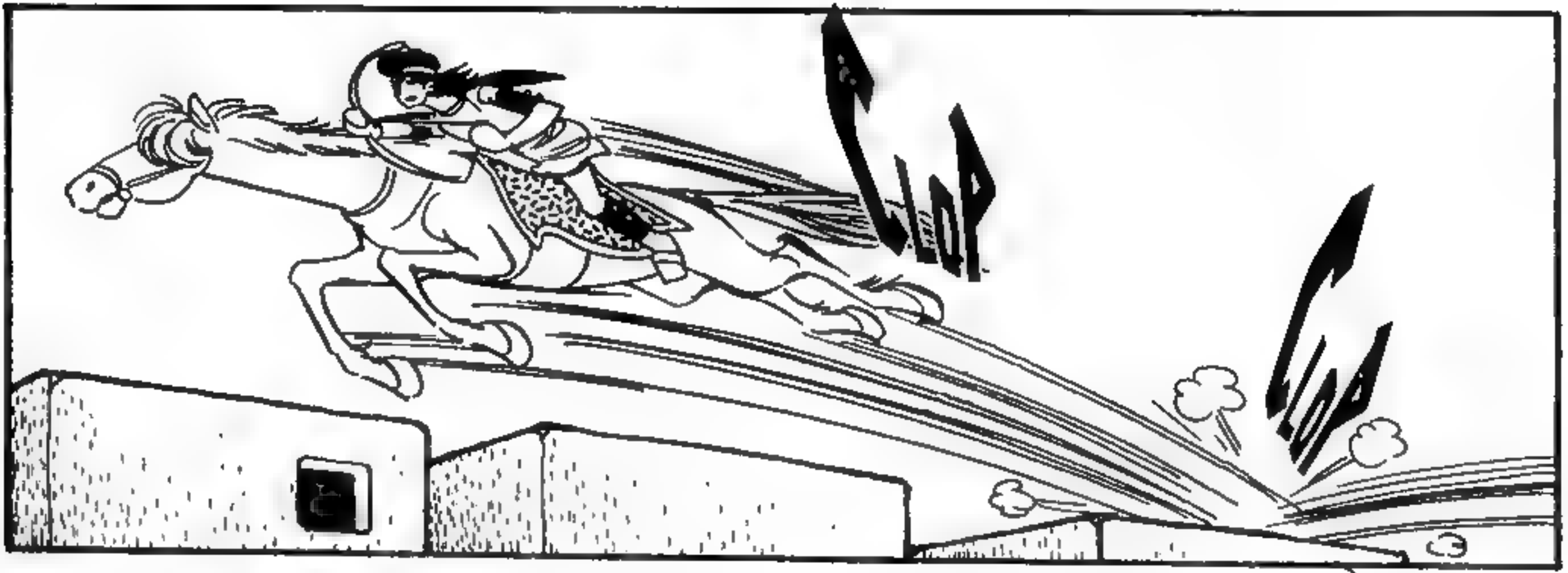


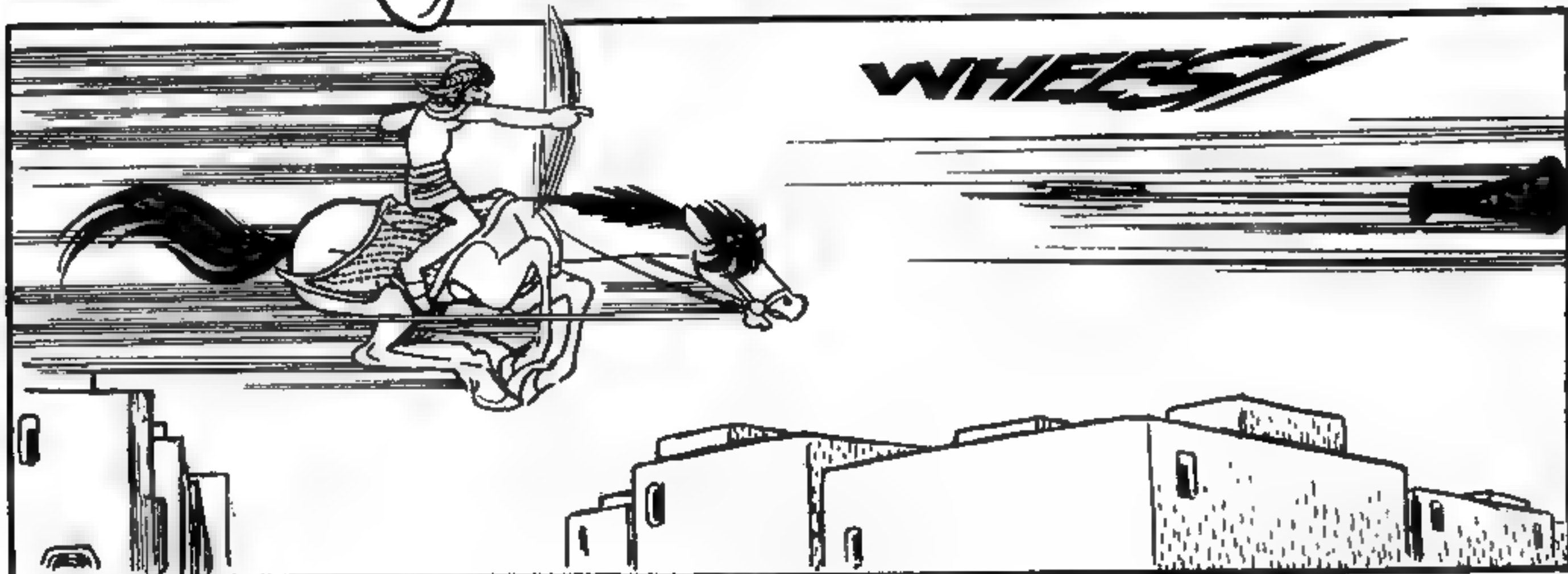
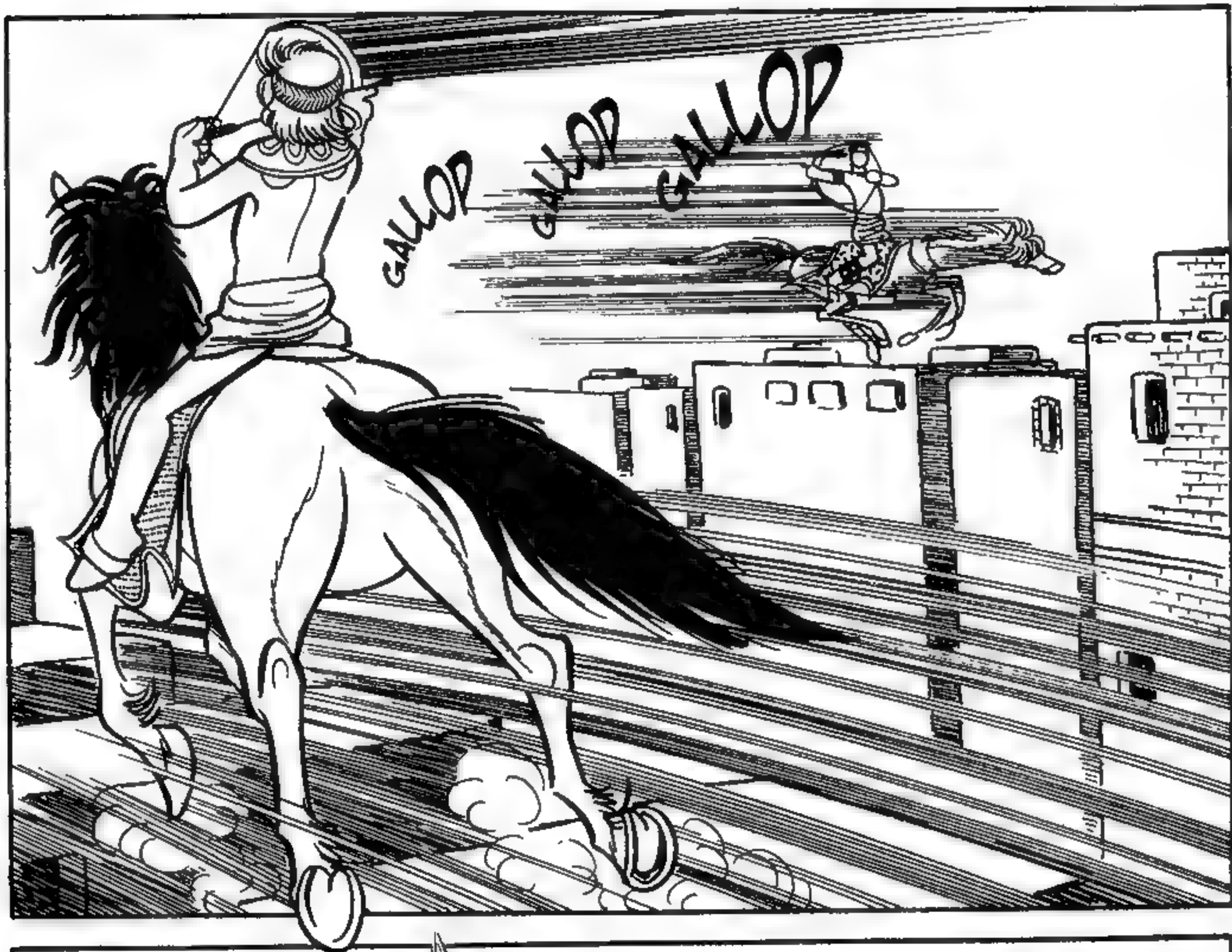
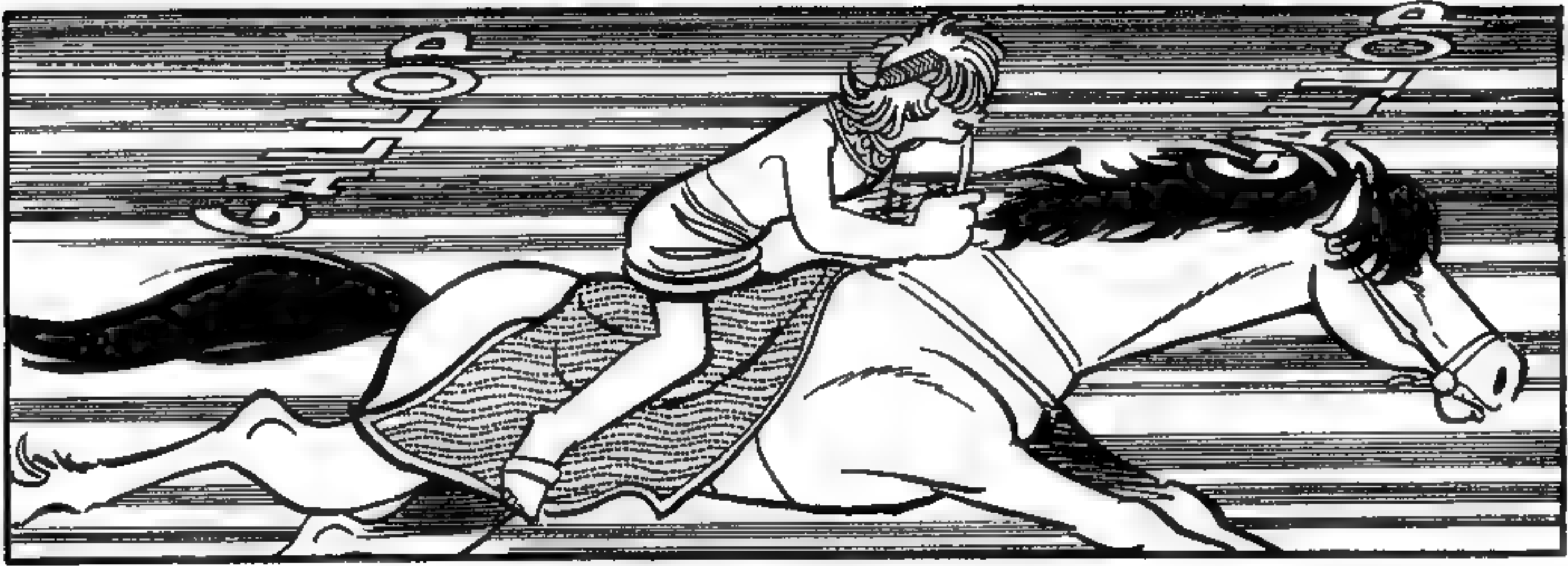


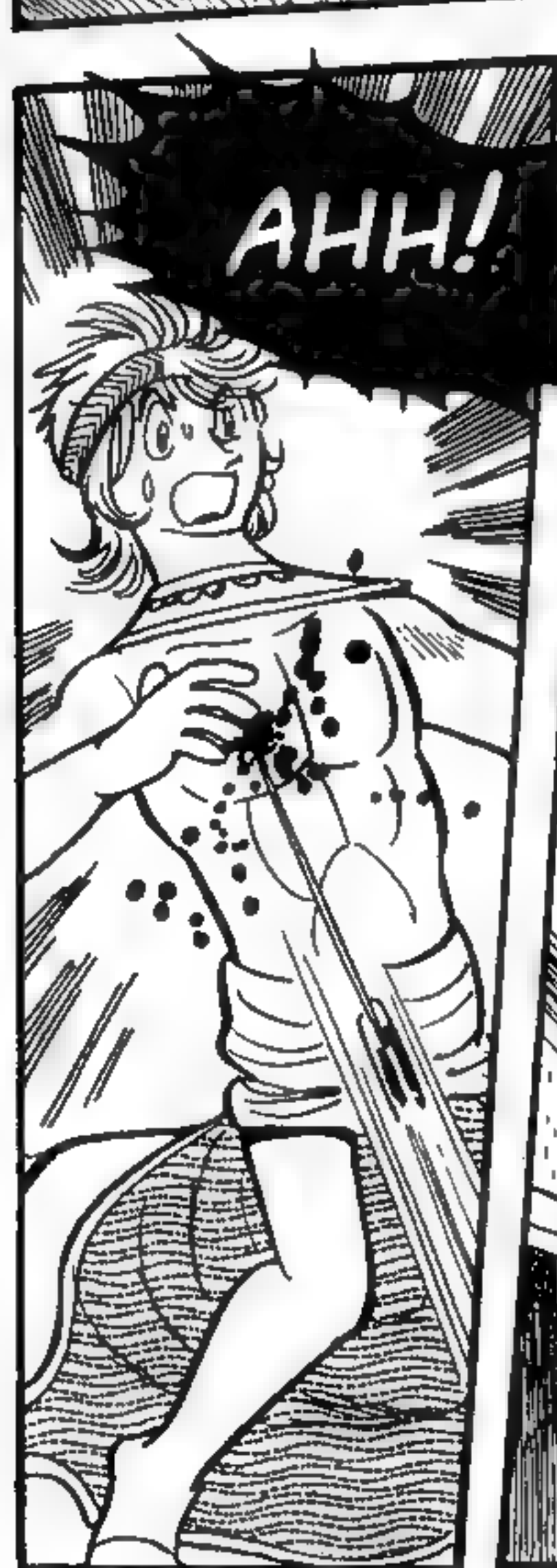
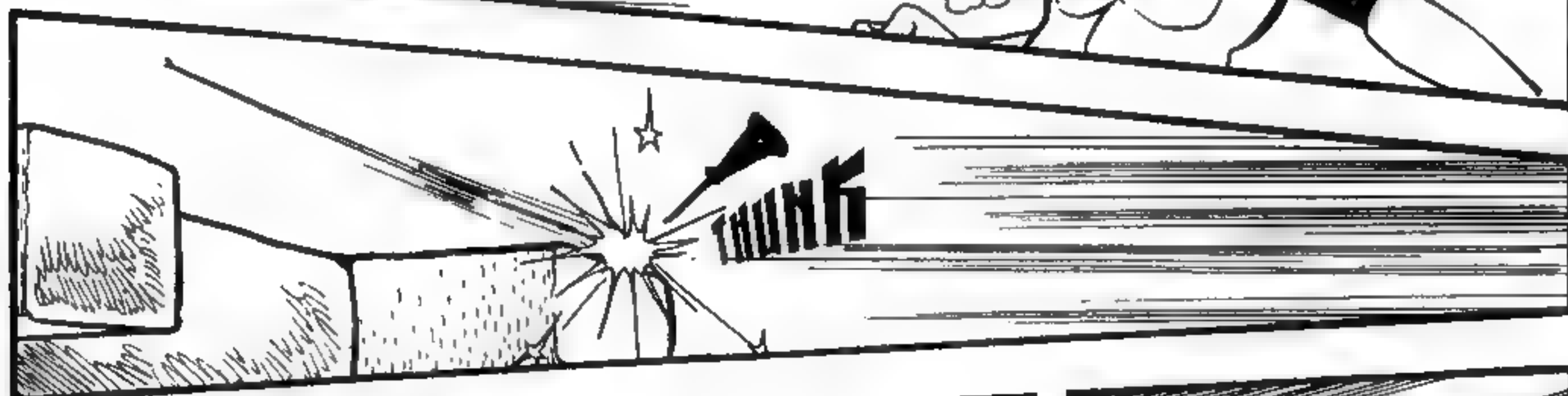


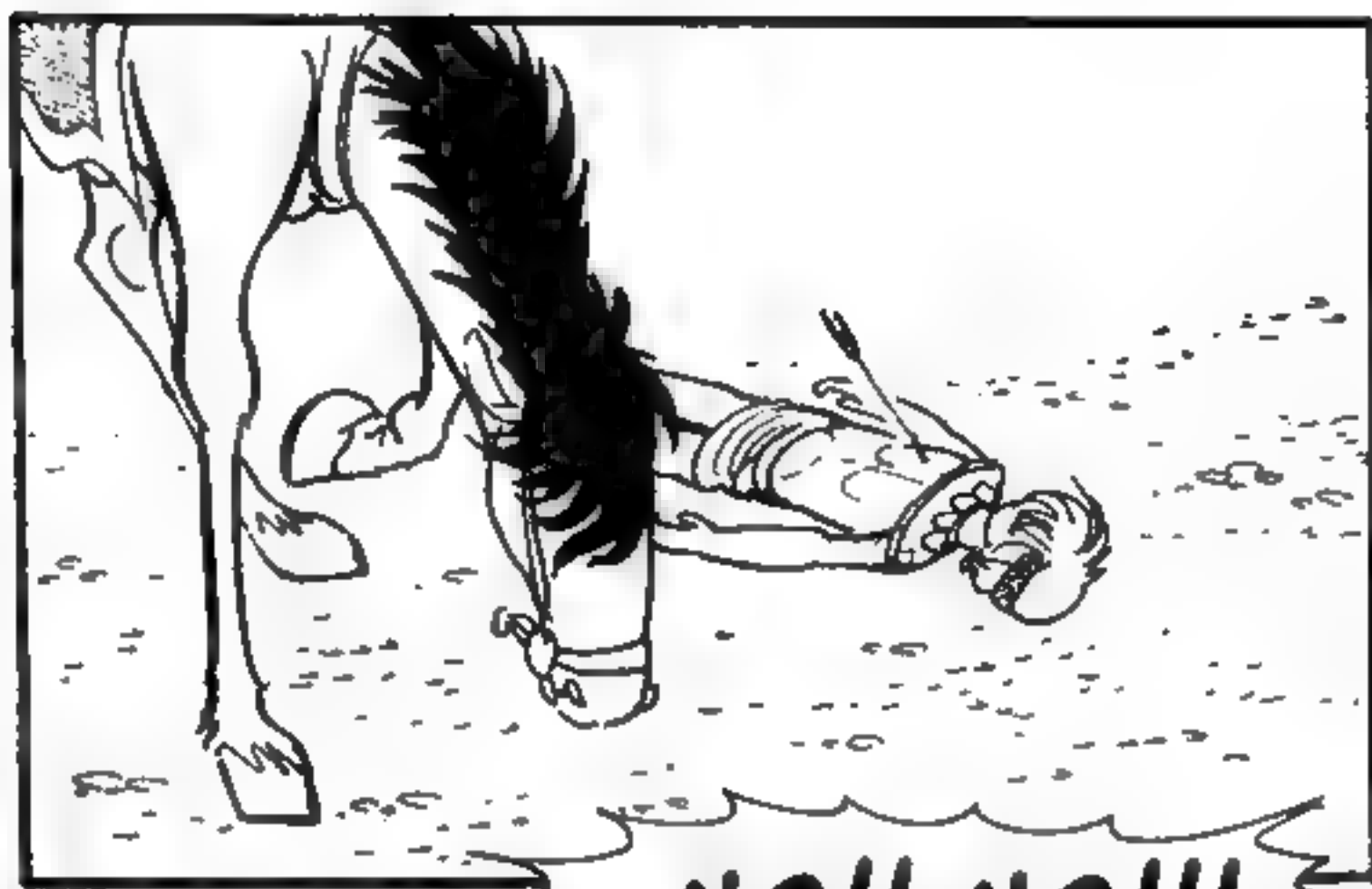








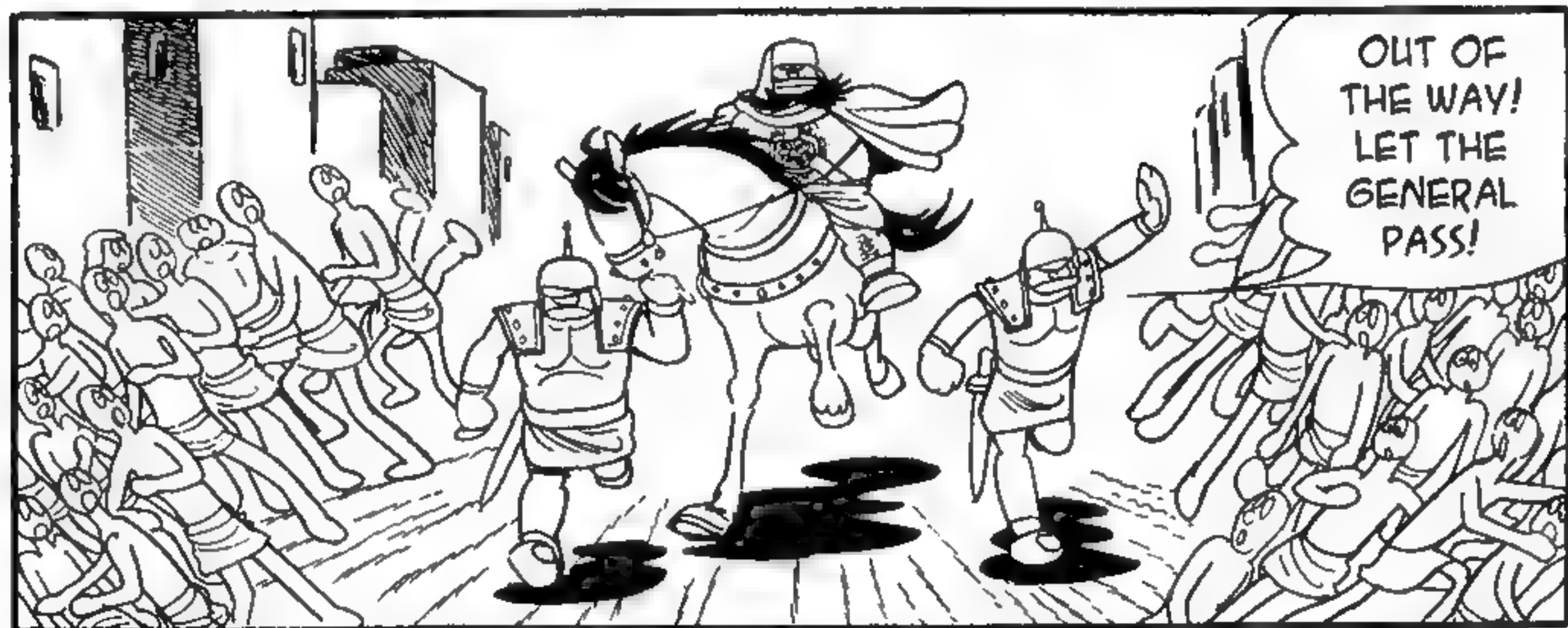




CHAPRA!



NO!! NO!!!



OUT OF THE WAY!
LET THE
GENERAL
PASS!



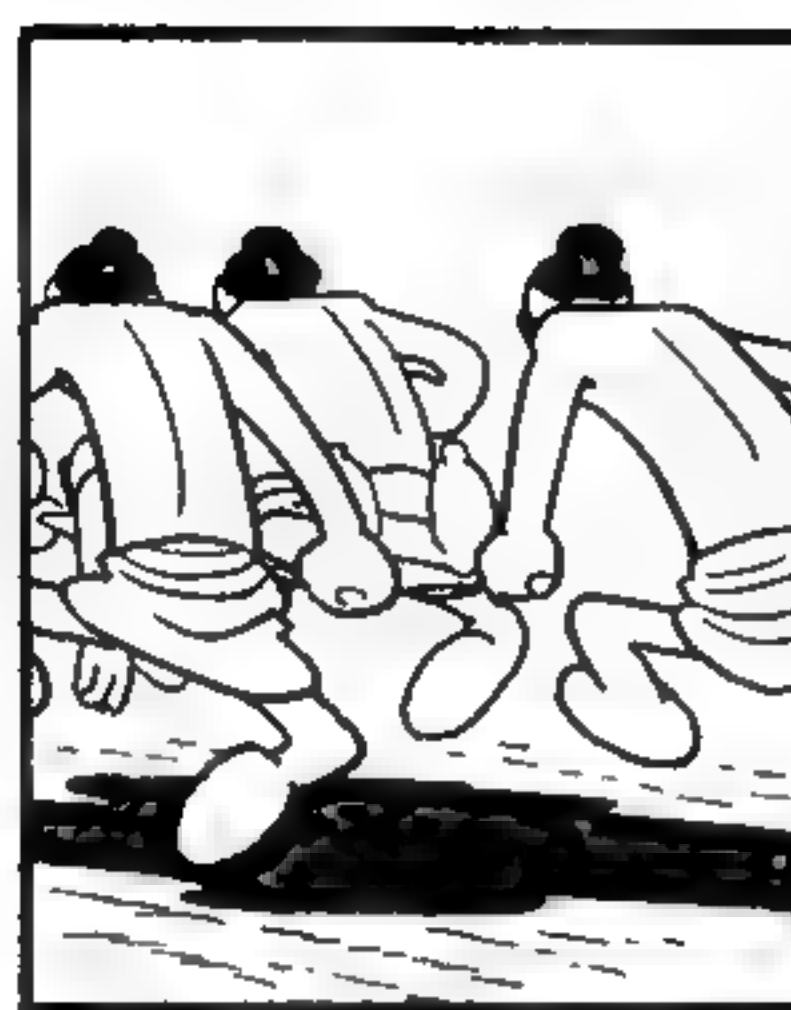
IS HE
STILL
ALIVE?

Y-YES,
SIR, BUT
BARELY.



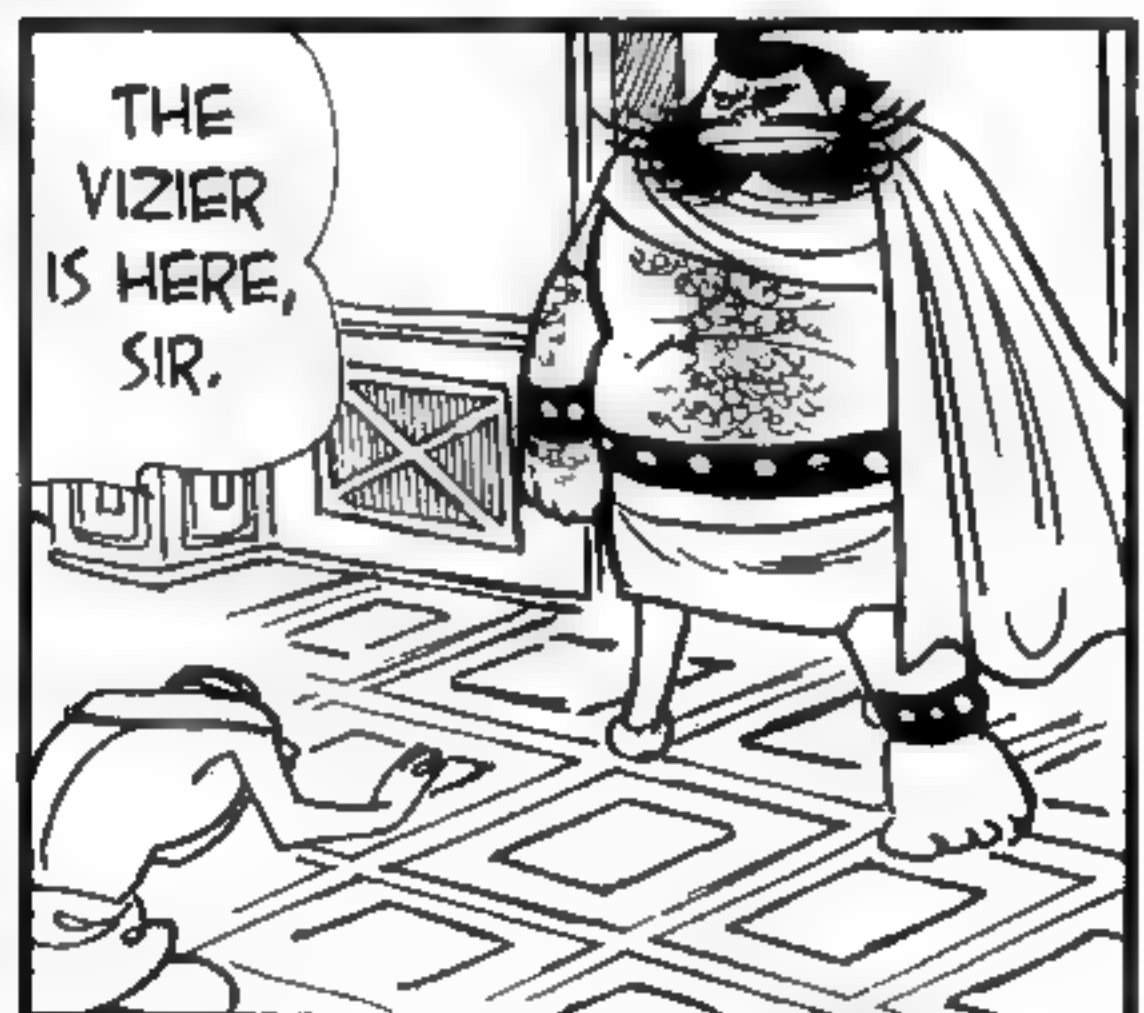
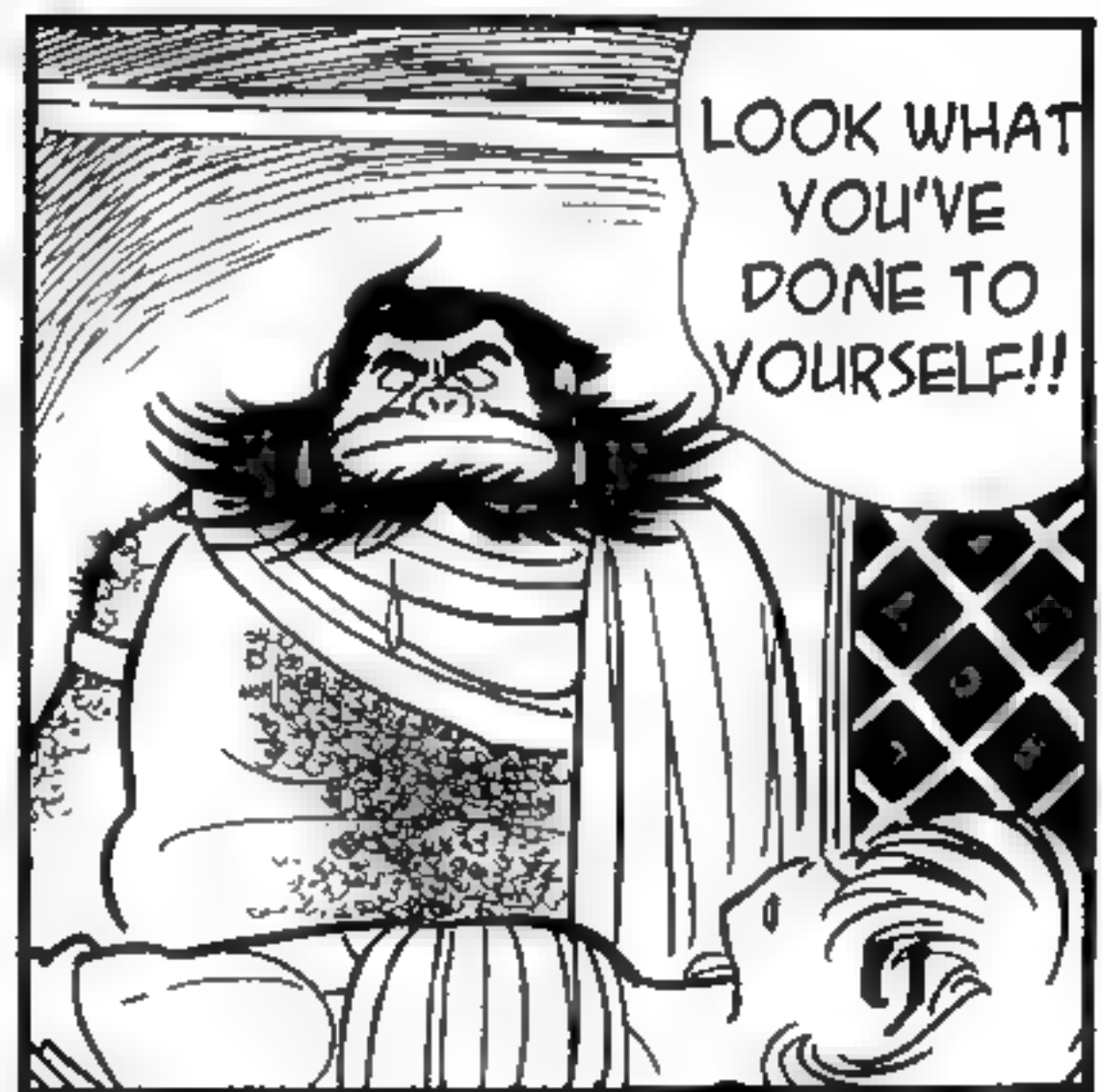
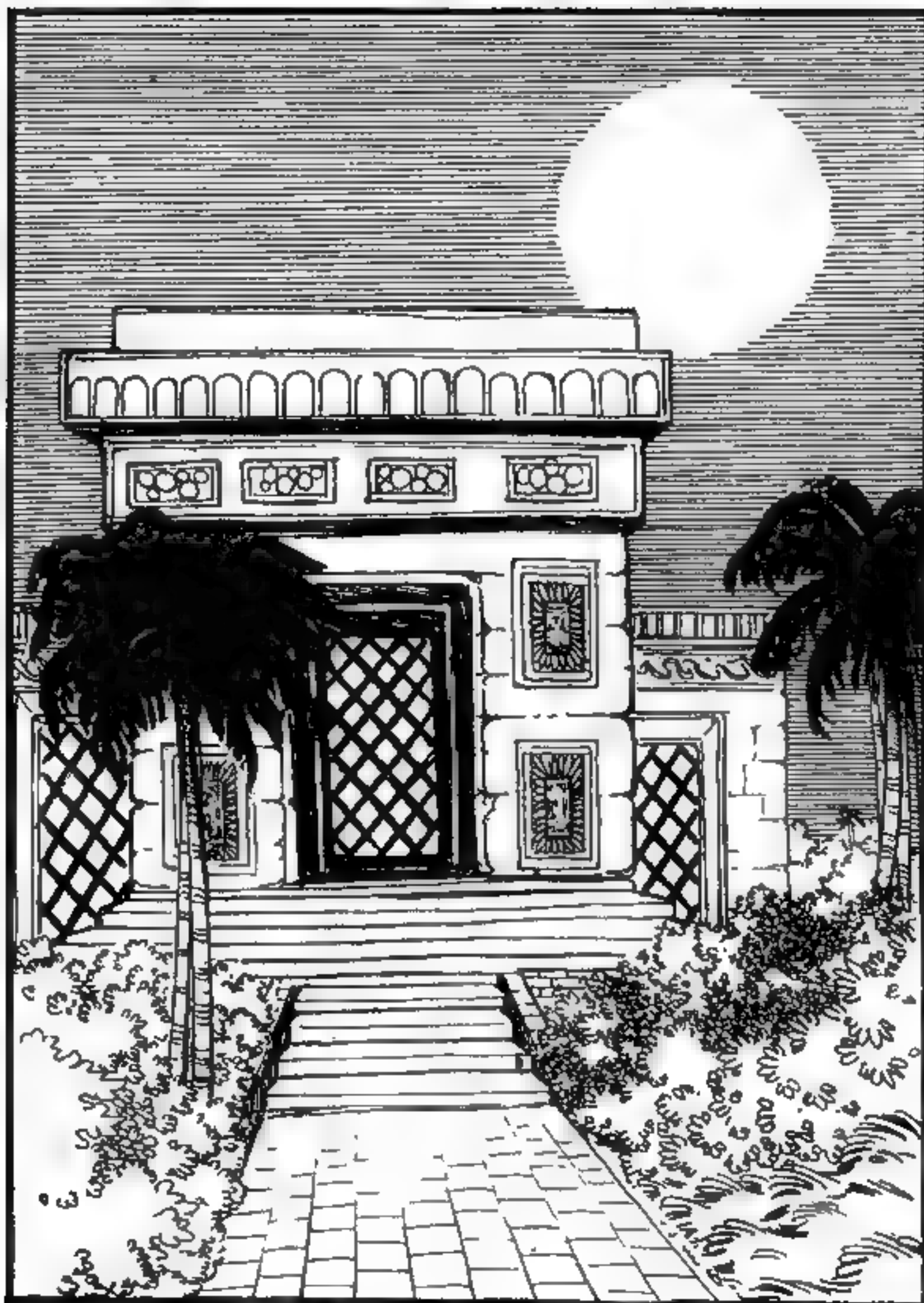
SON...
THIS WAS
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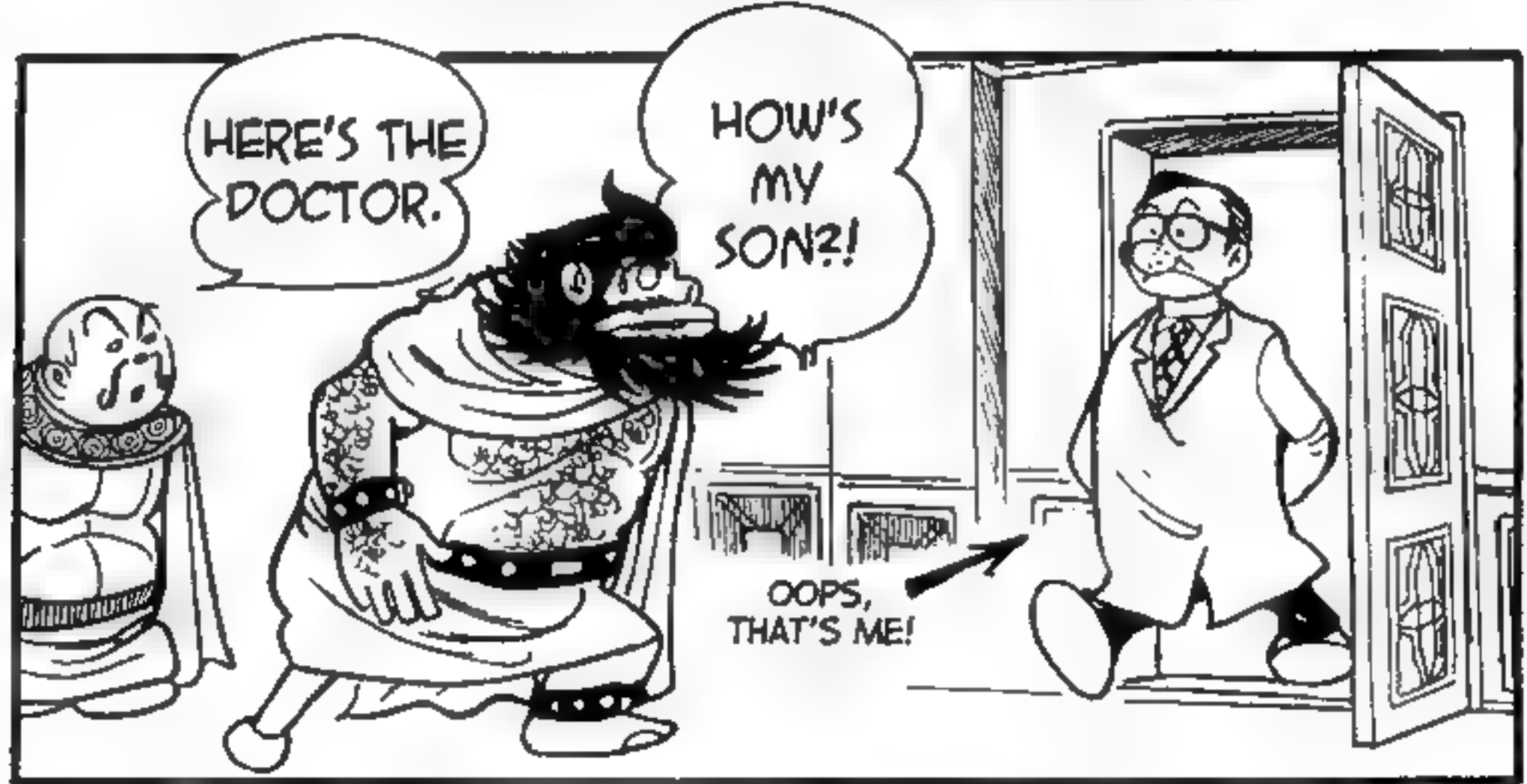
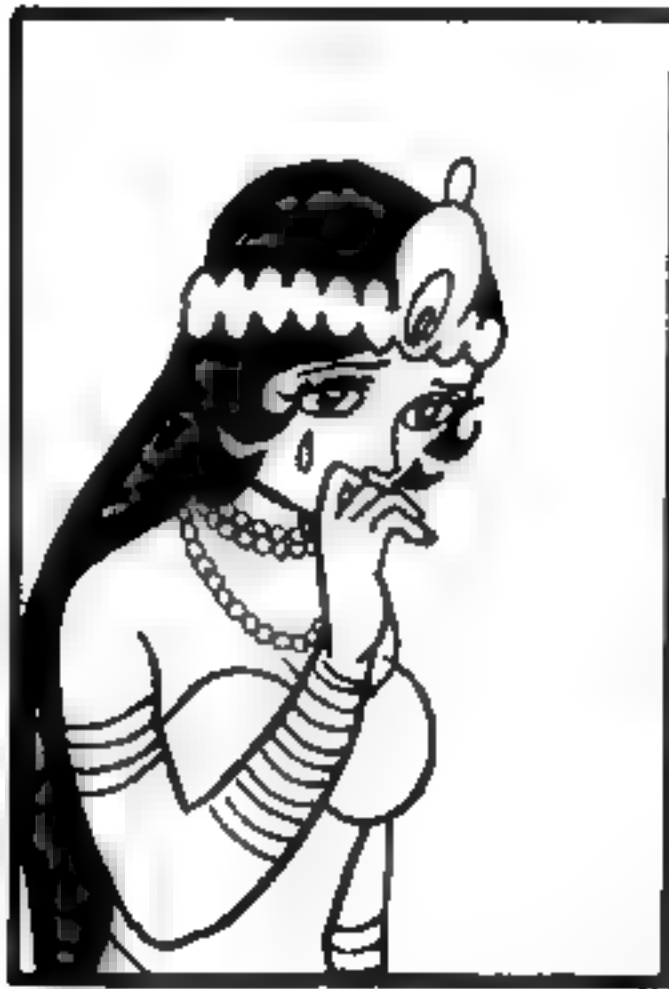
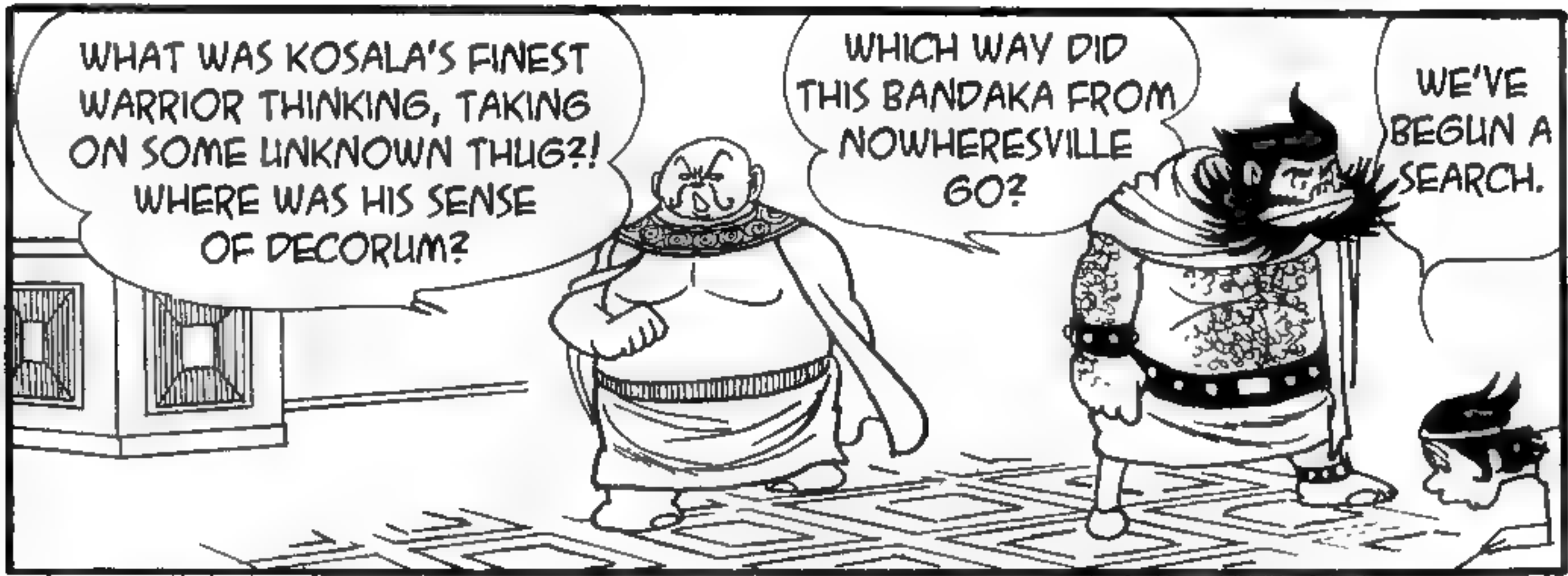
QUICK!
BACK TO
OUR
GROUNDS.

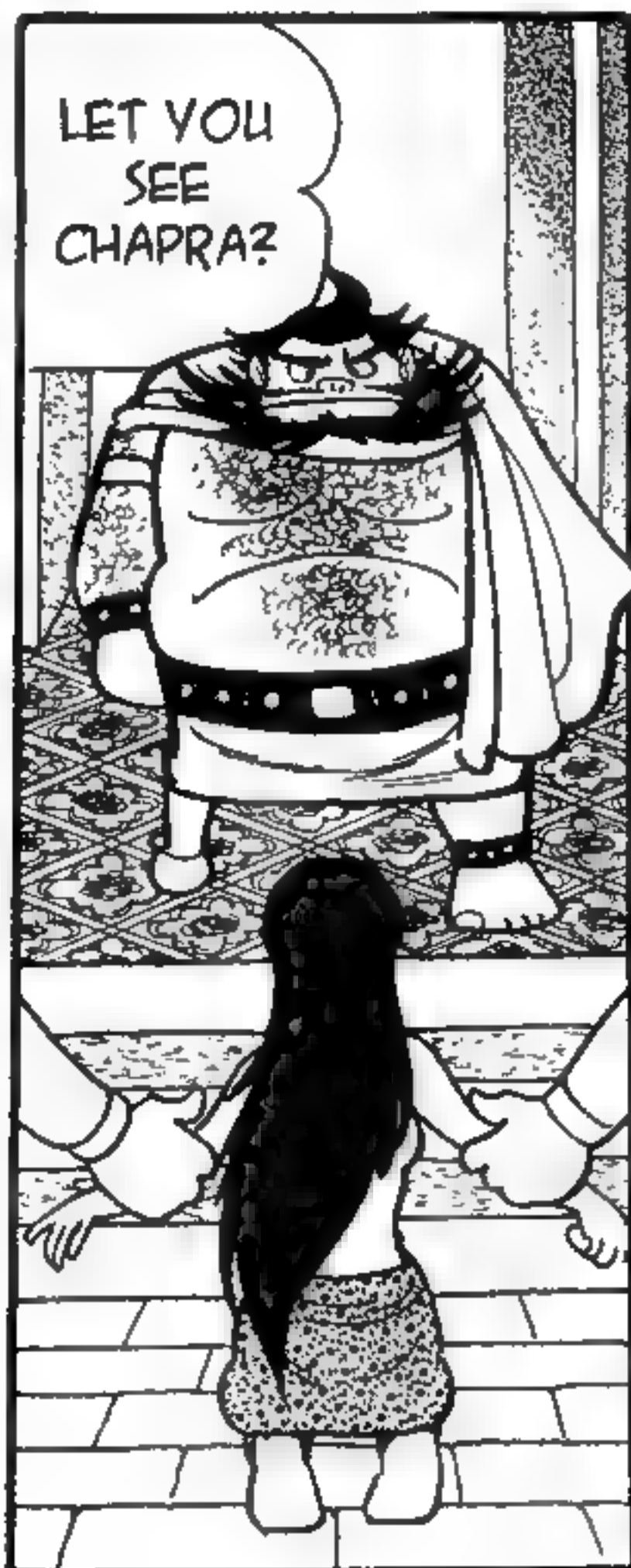


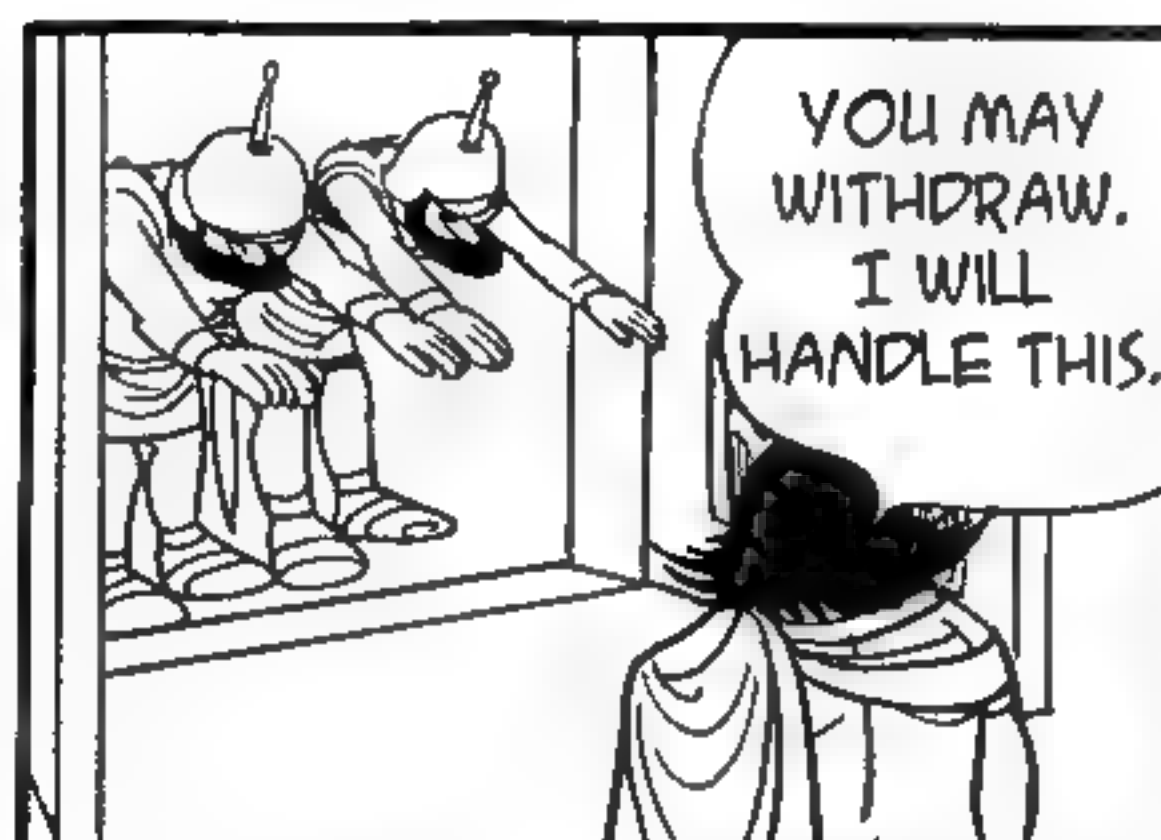
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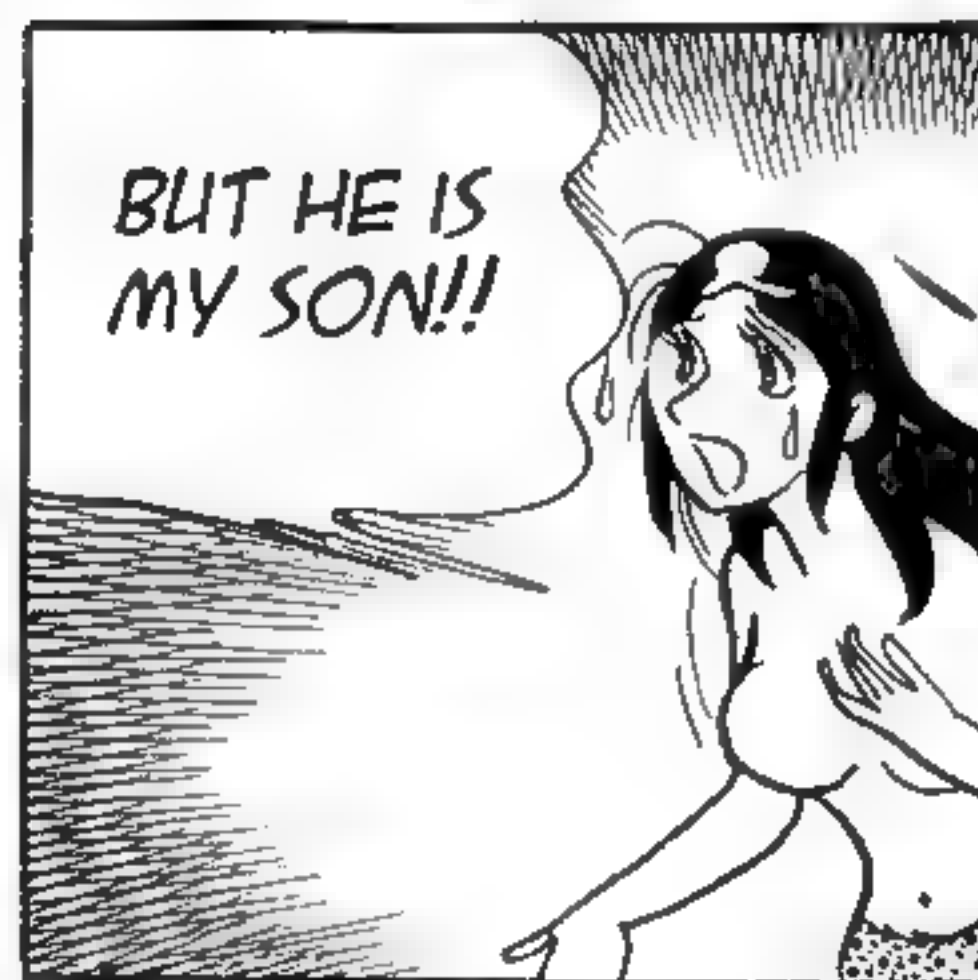
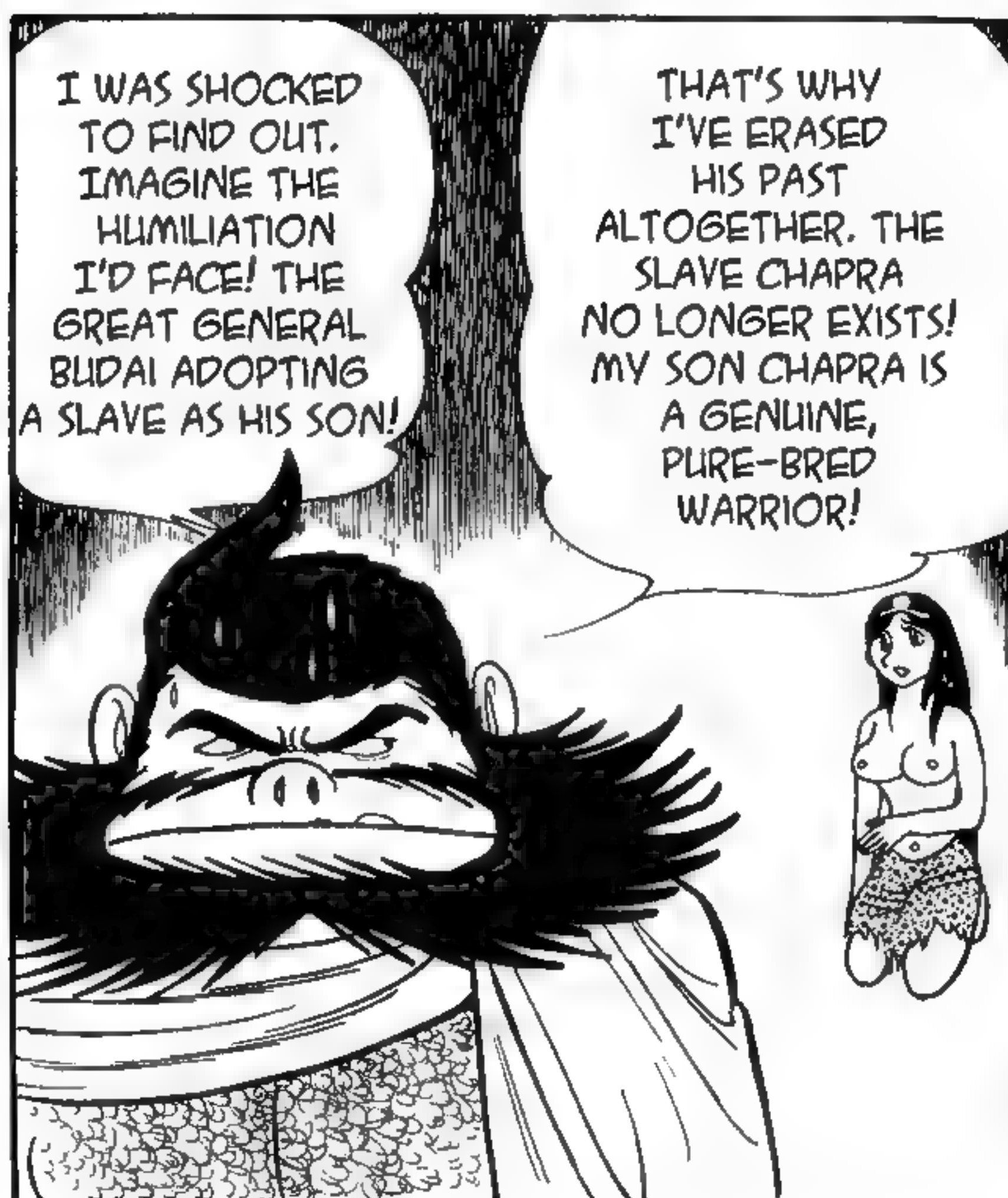
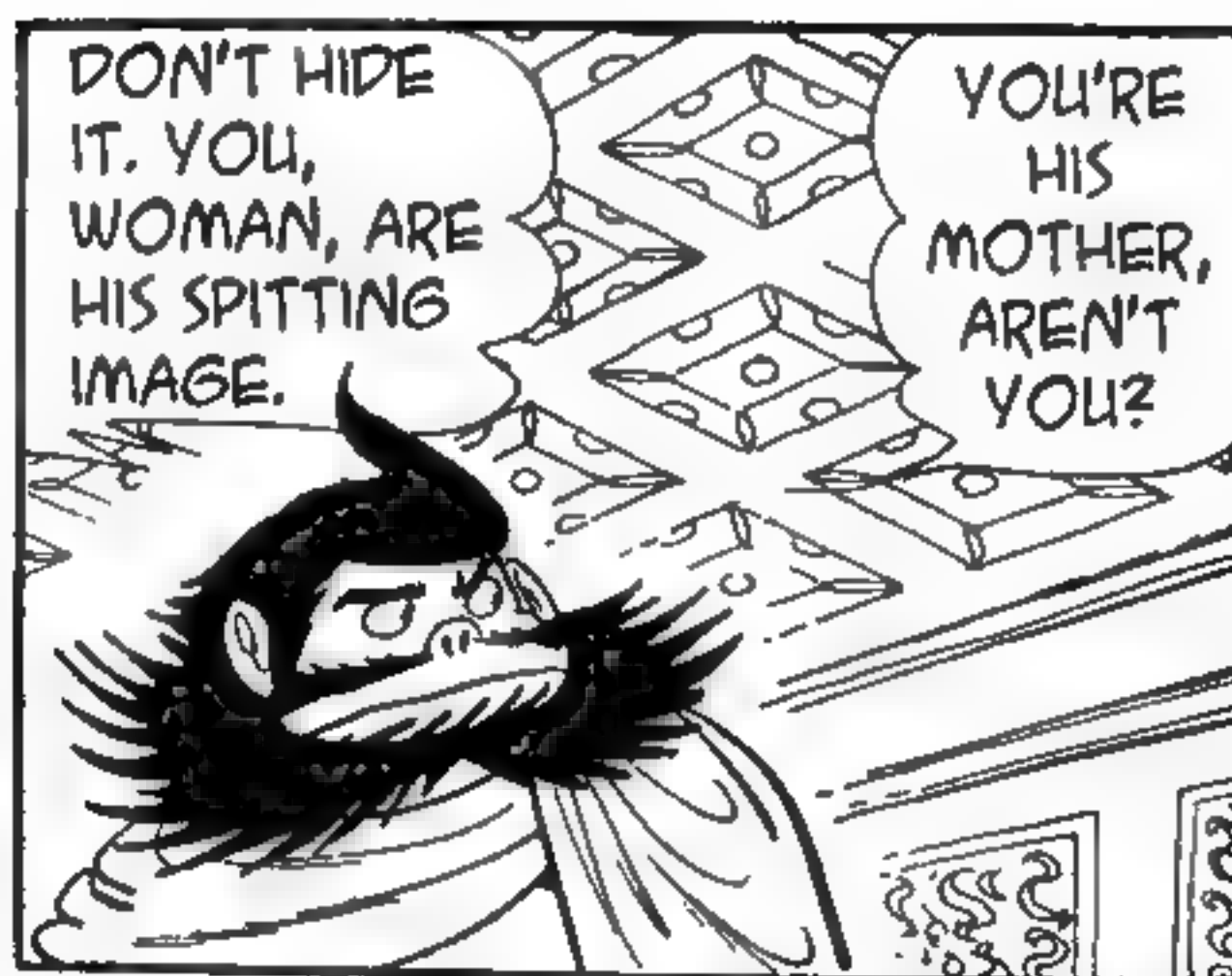
ALL FOR A CURE

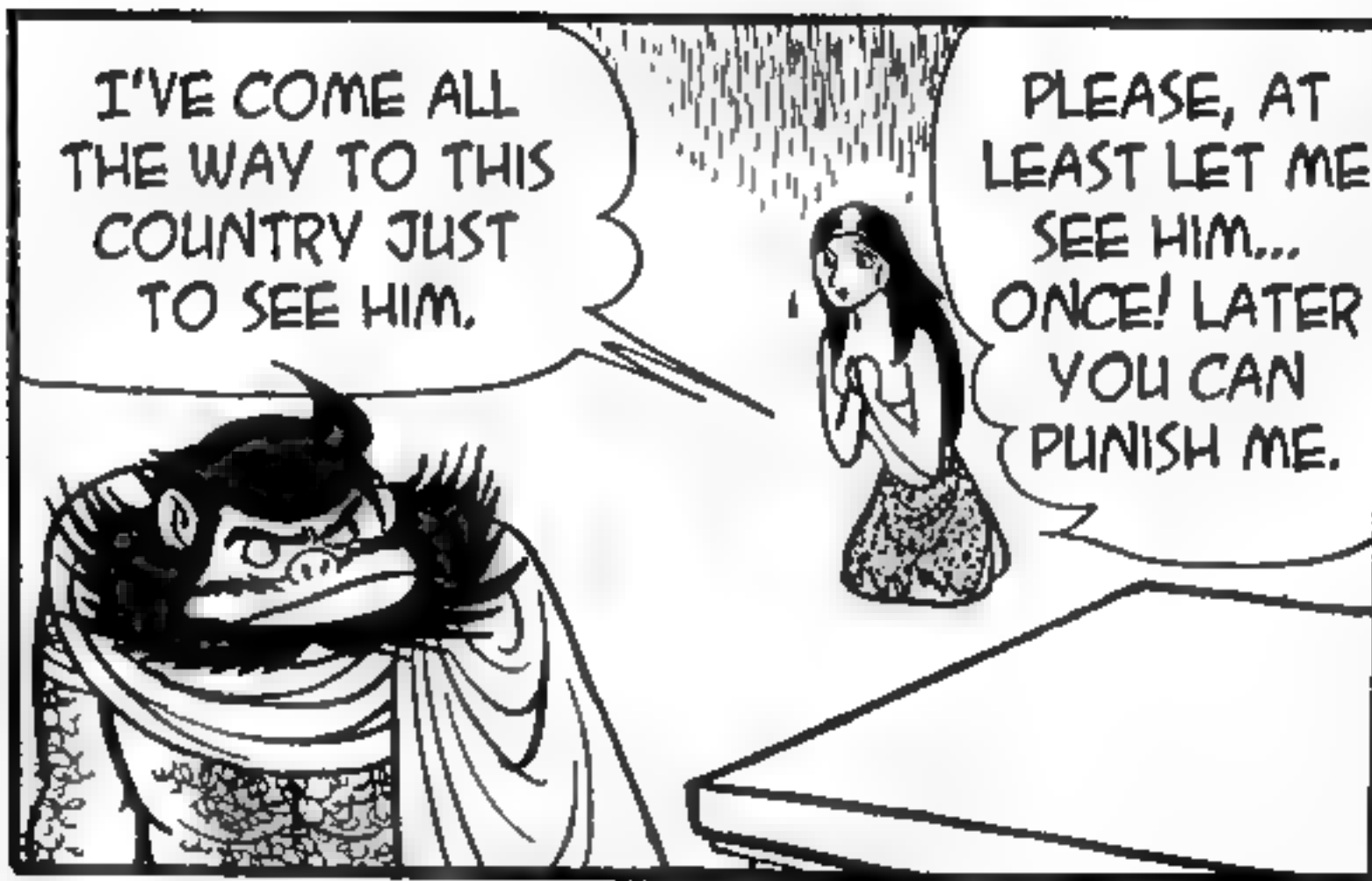


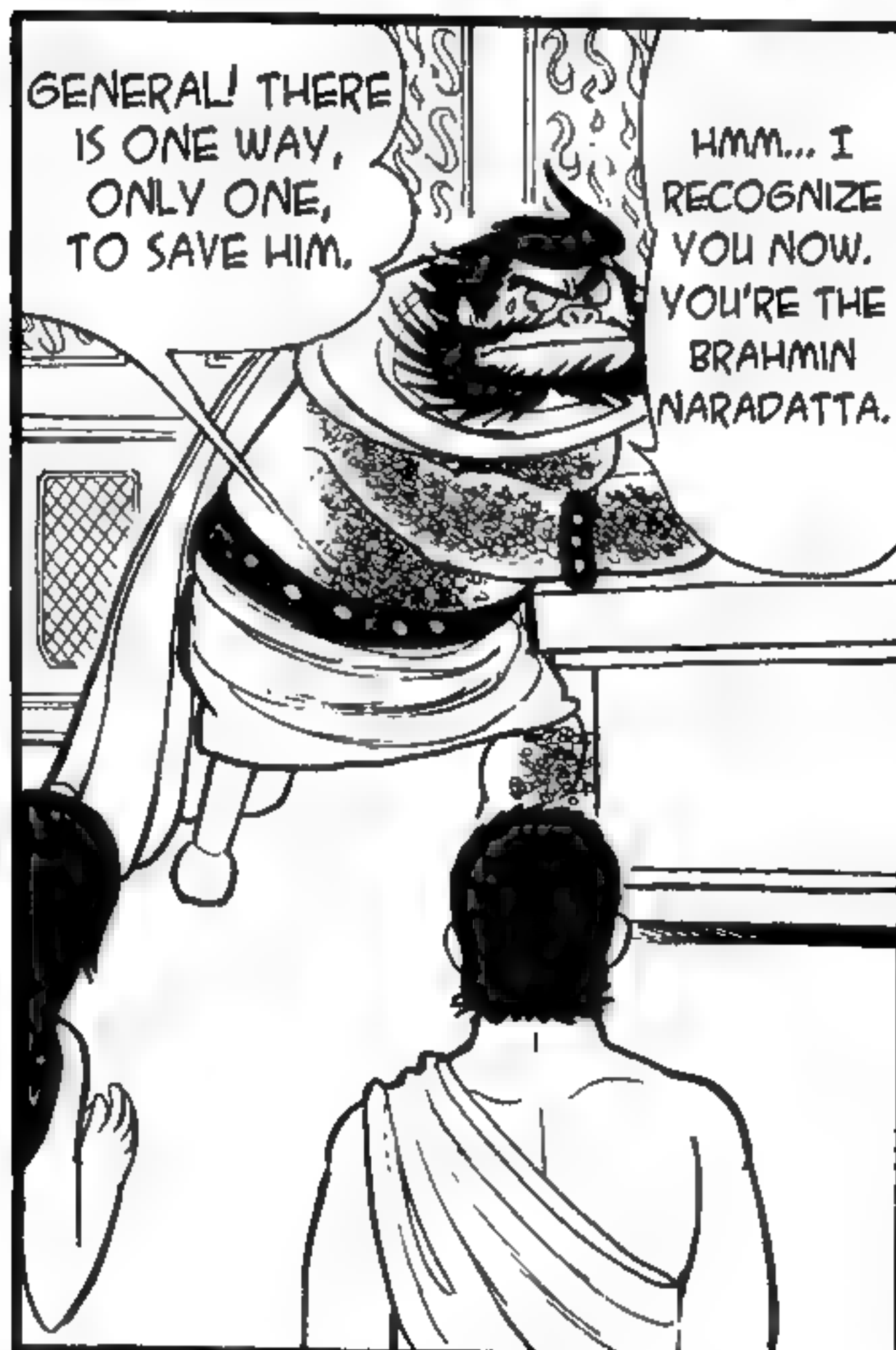


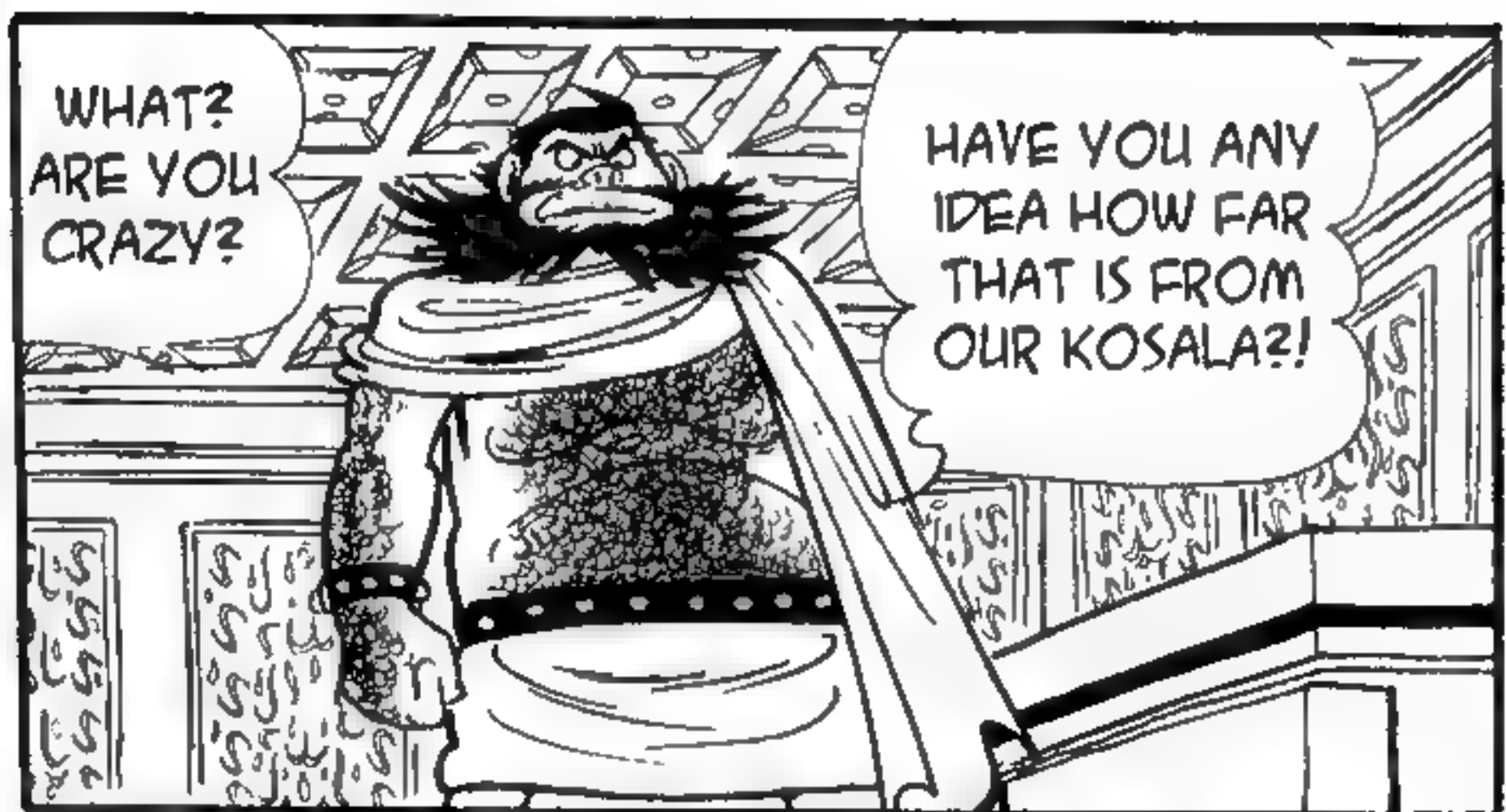
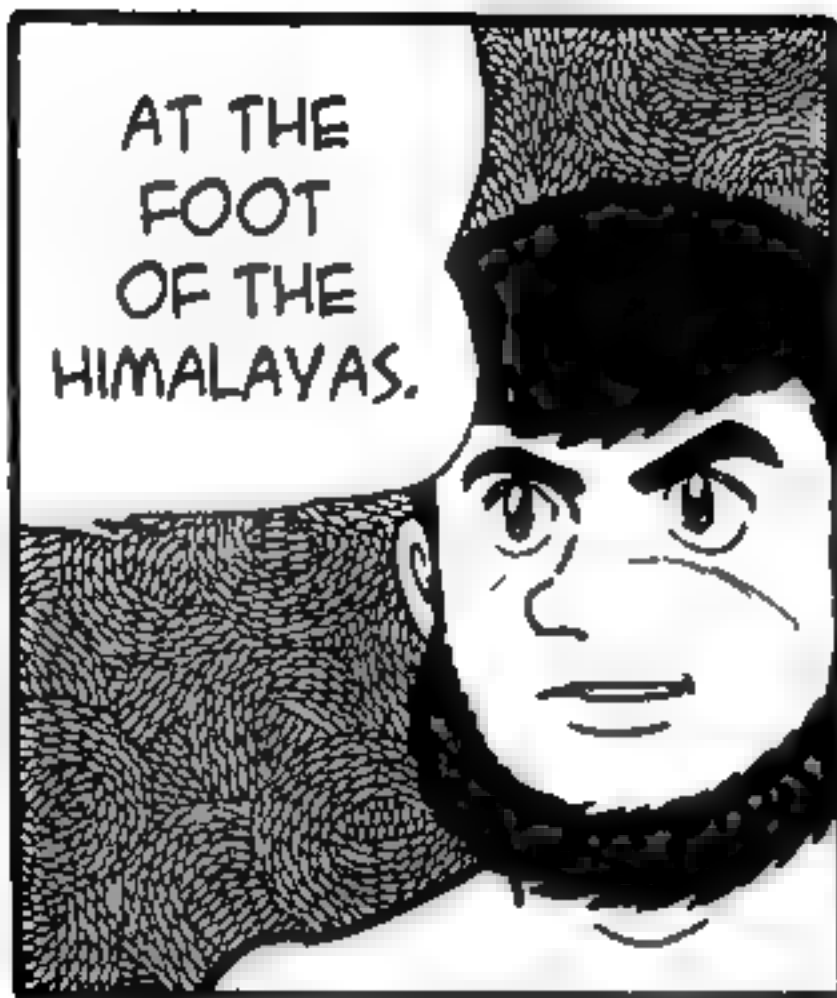


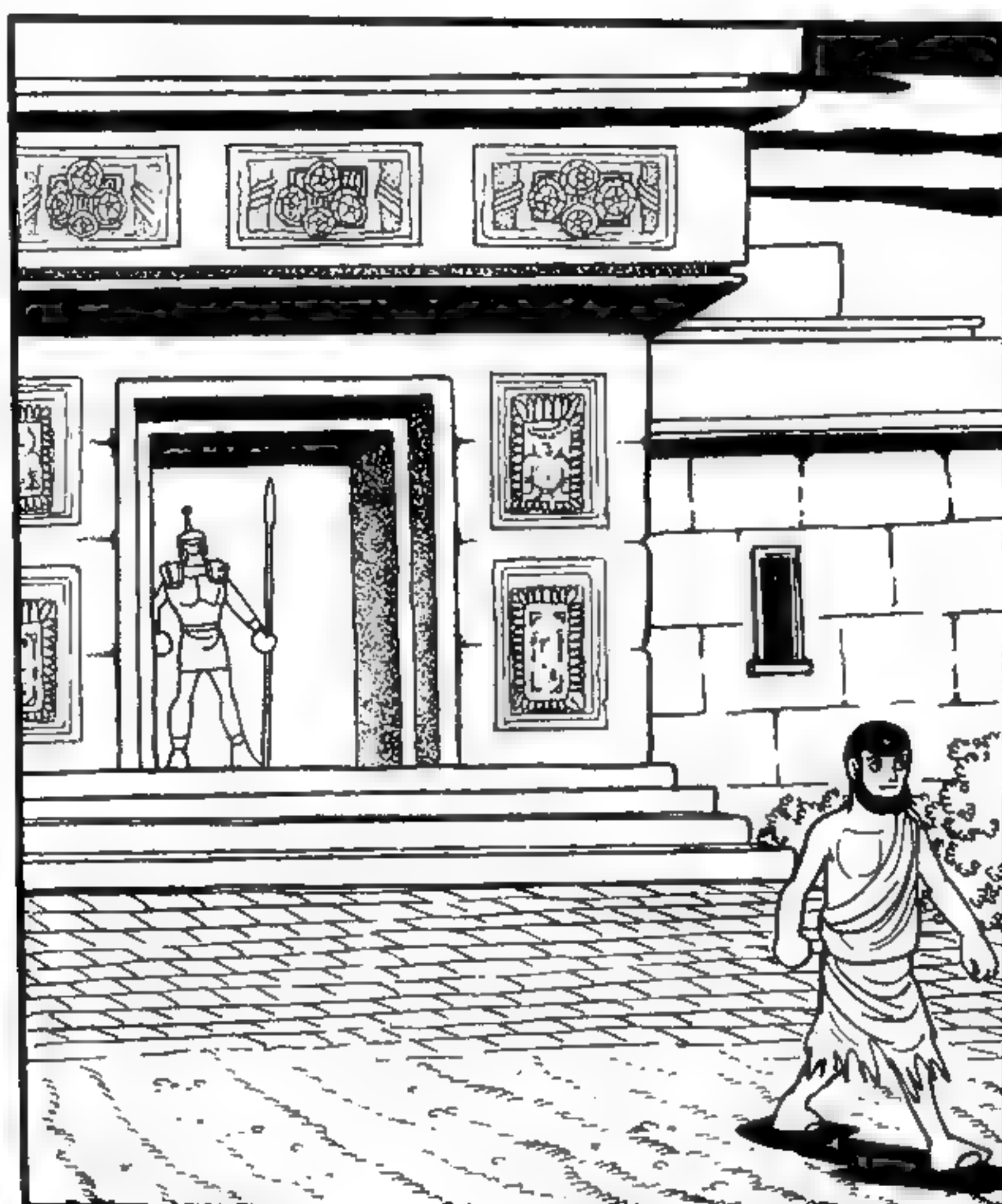
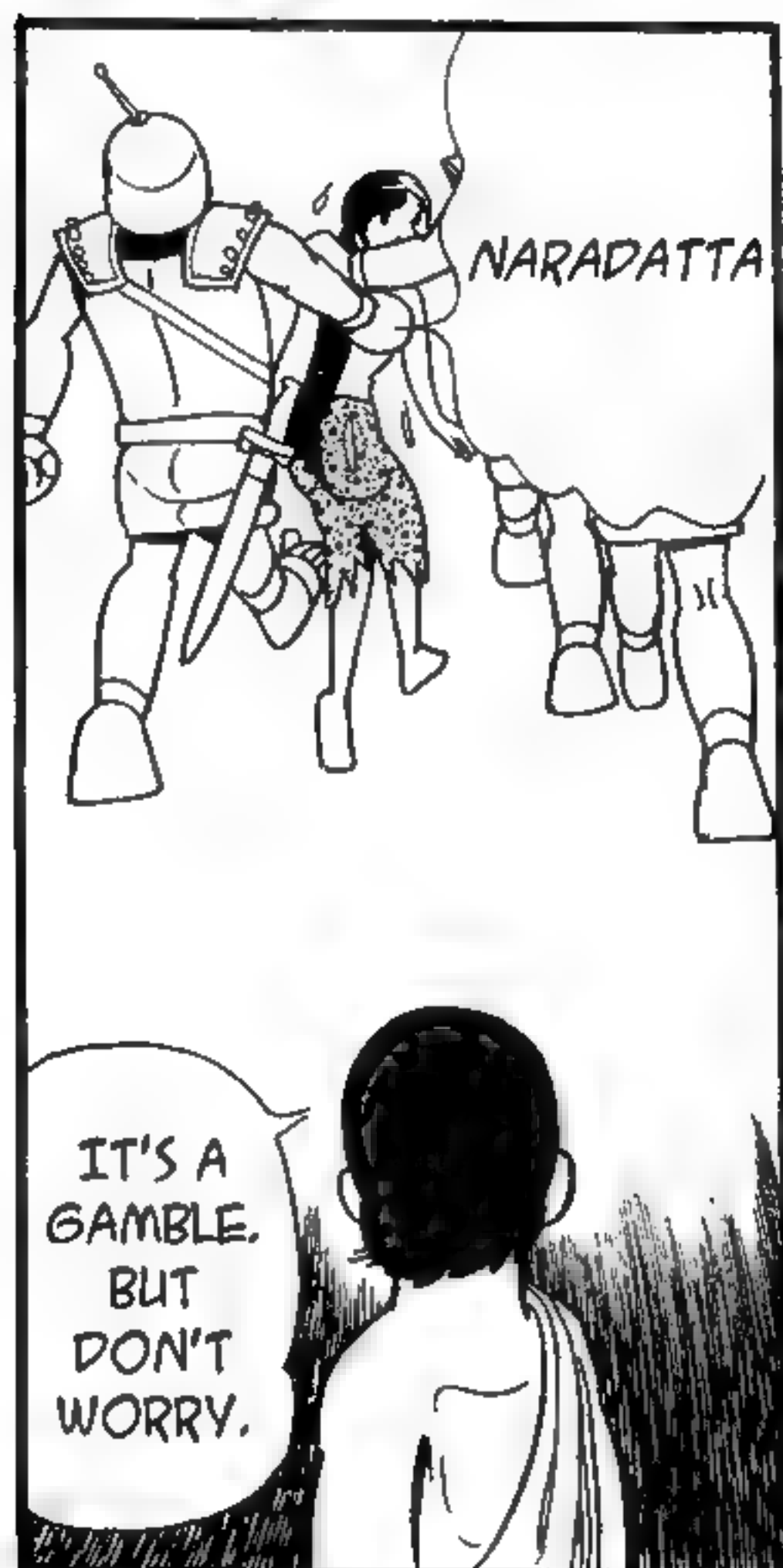
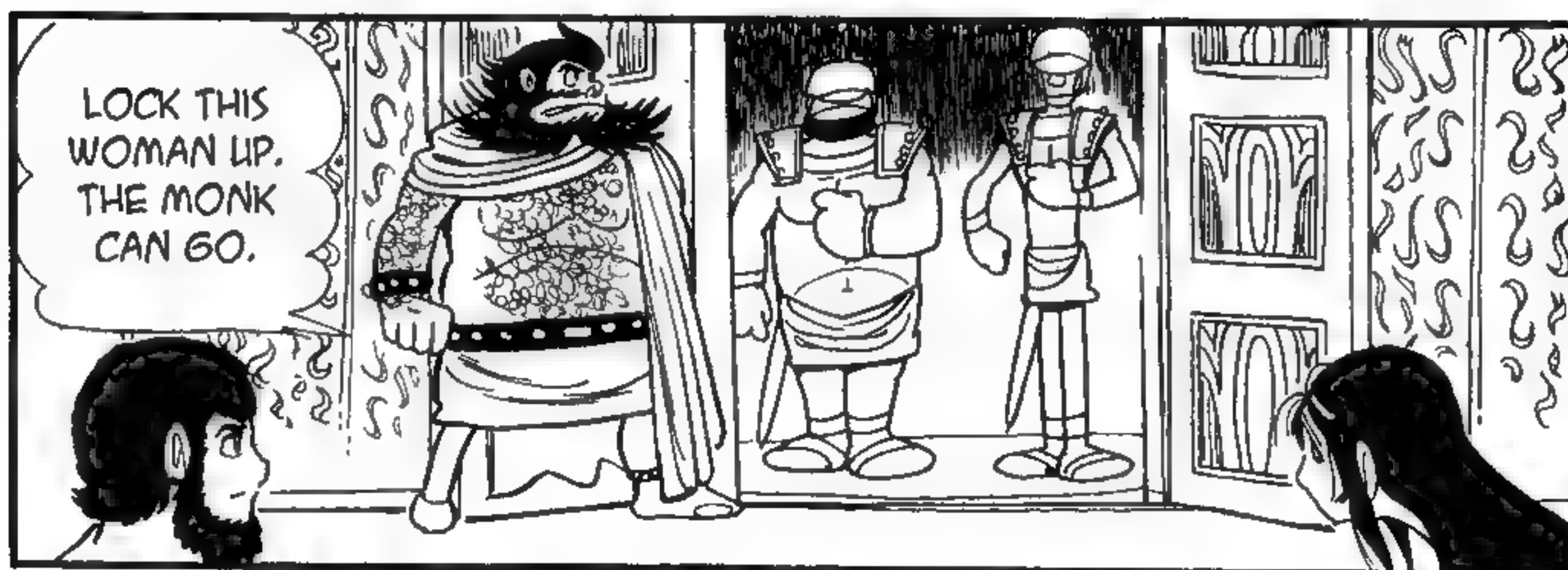


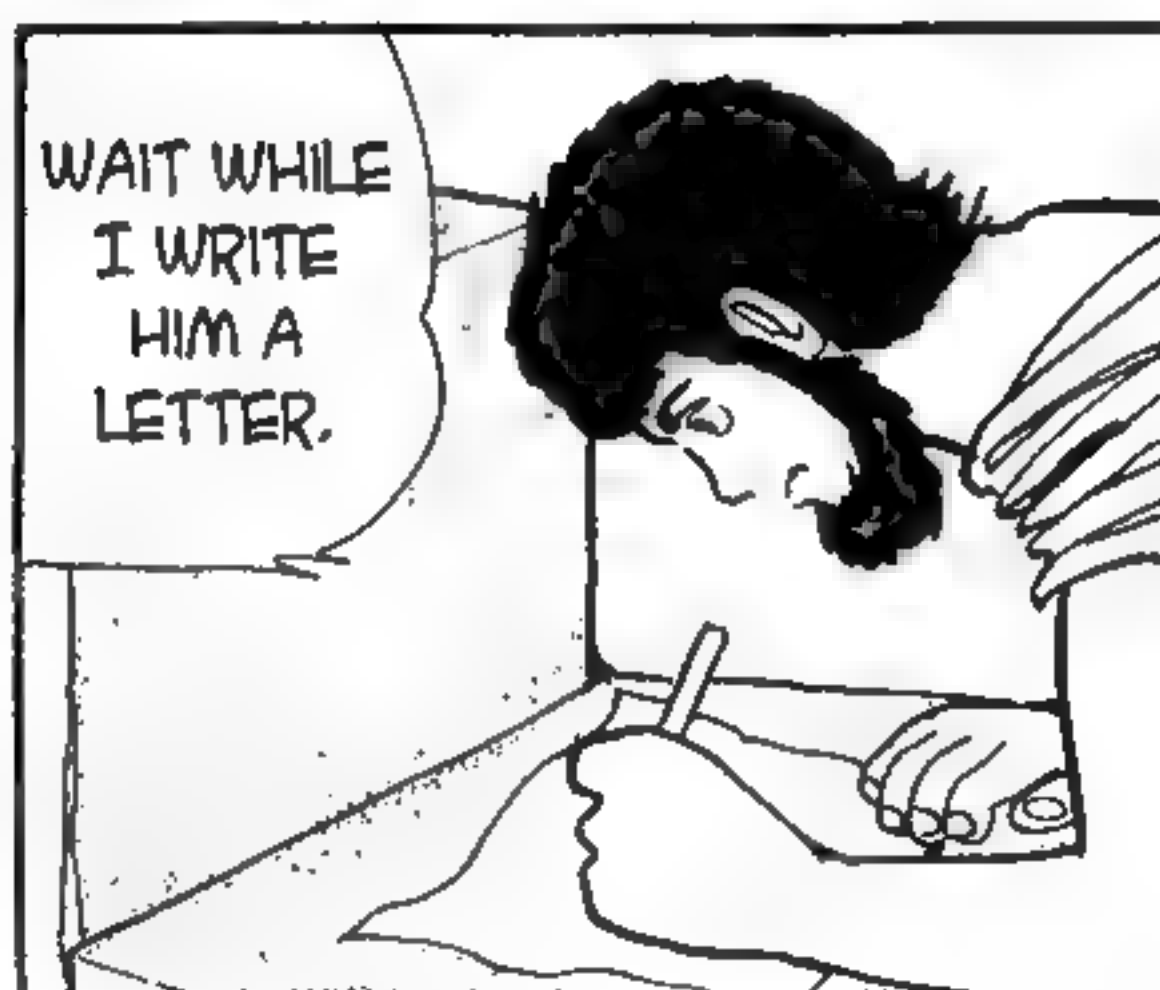
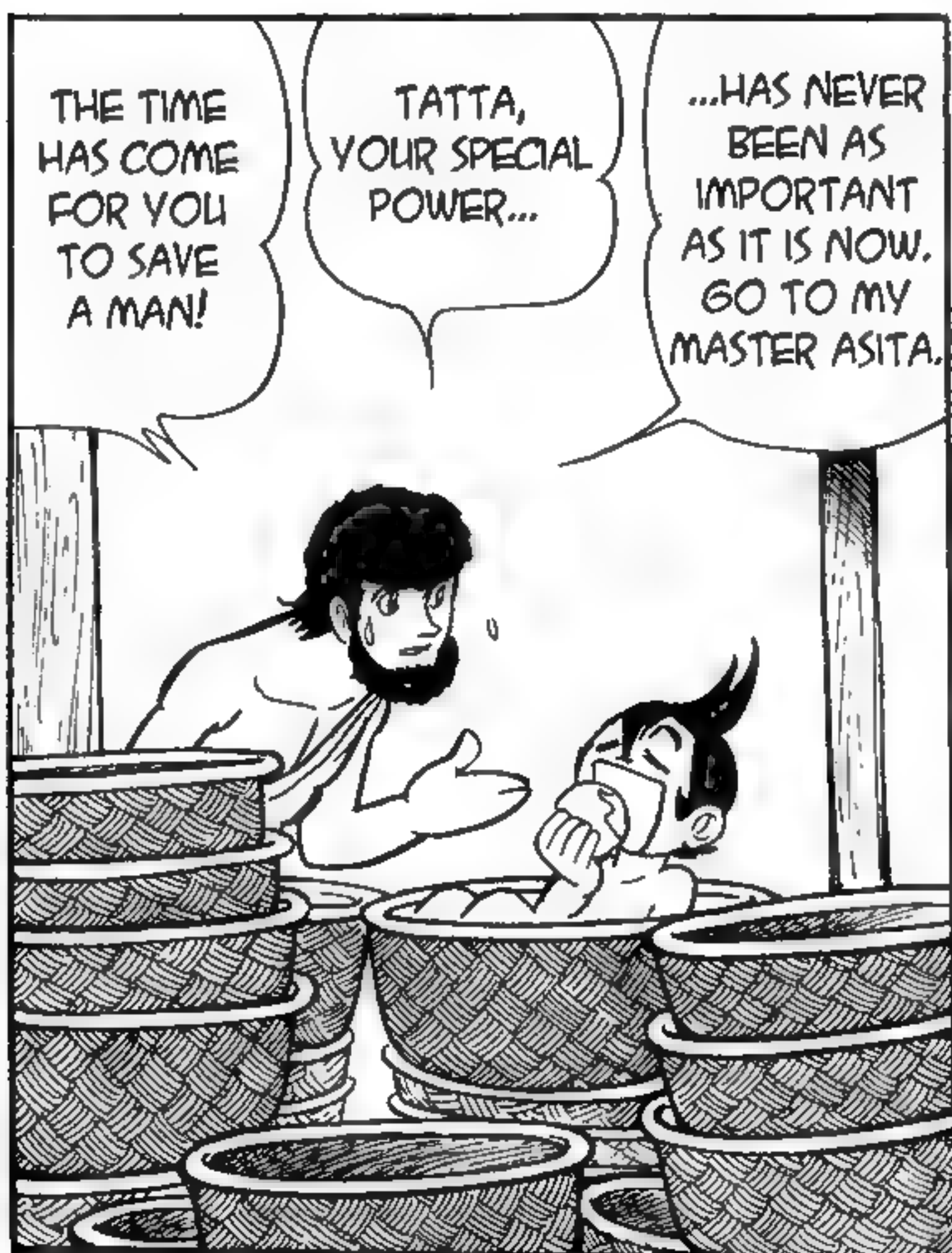




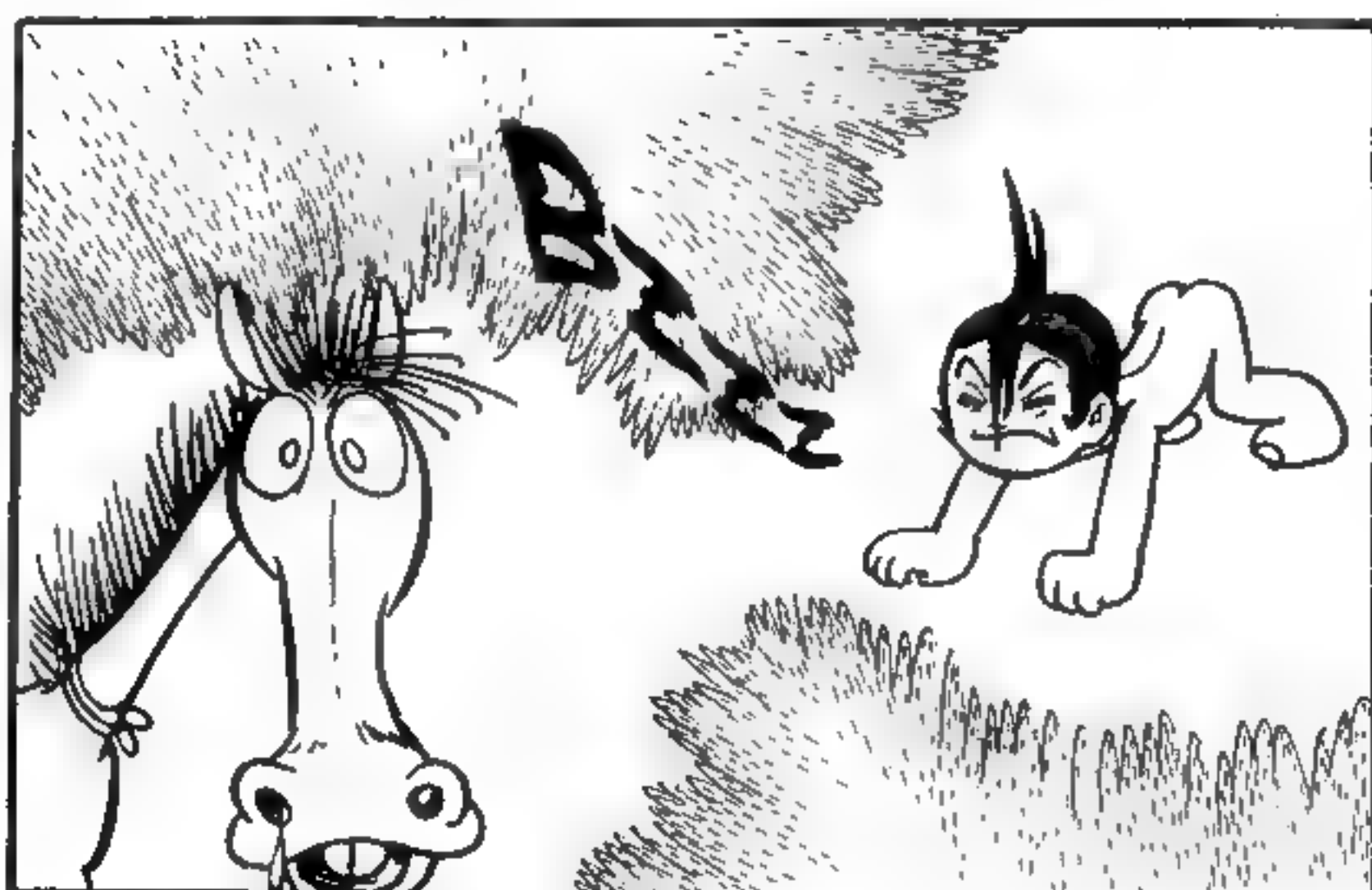
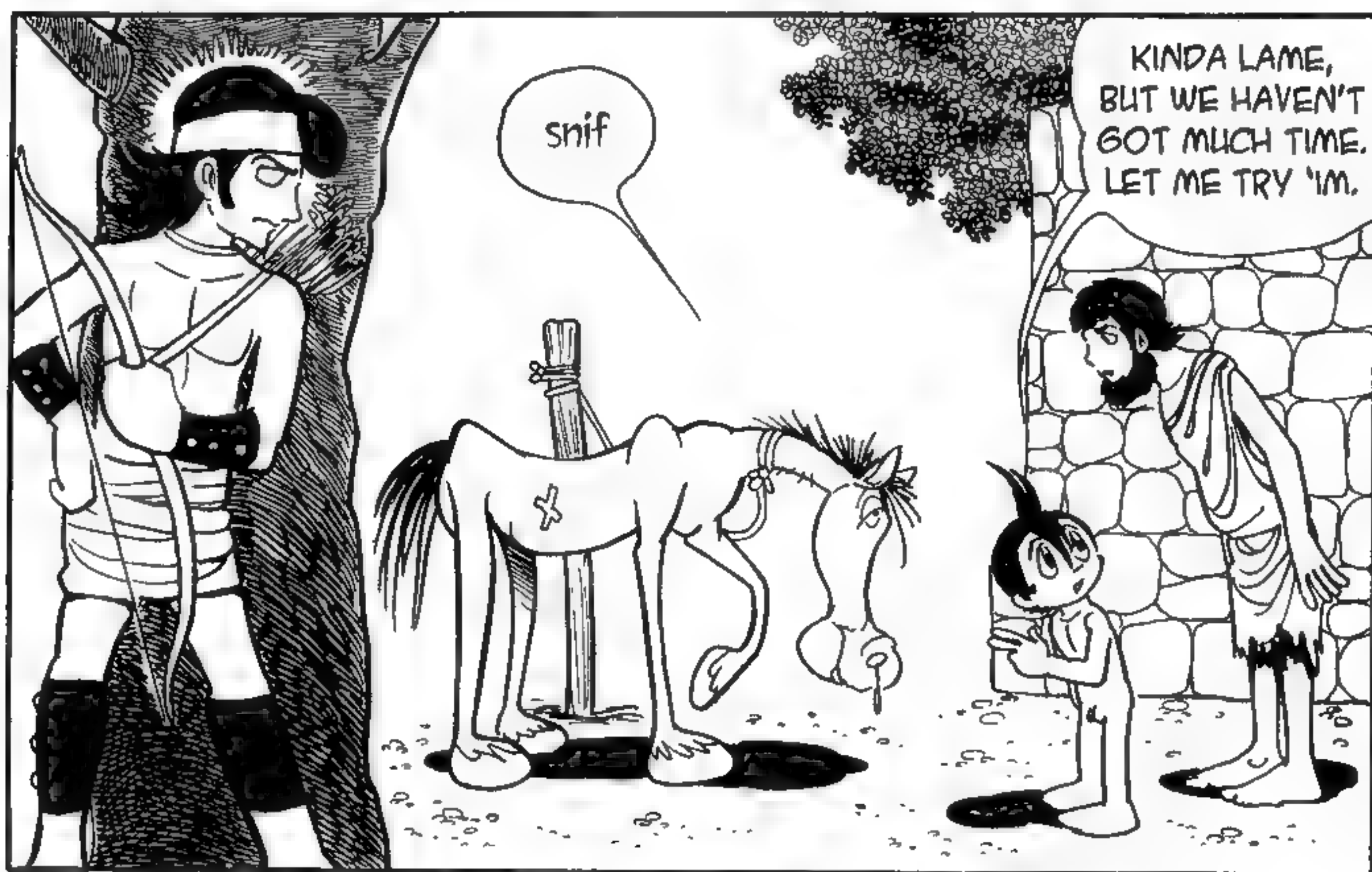
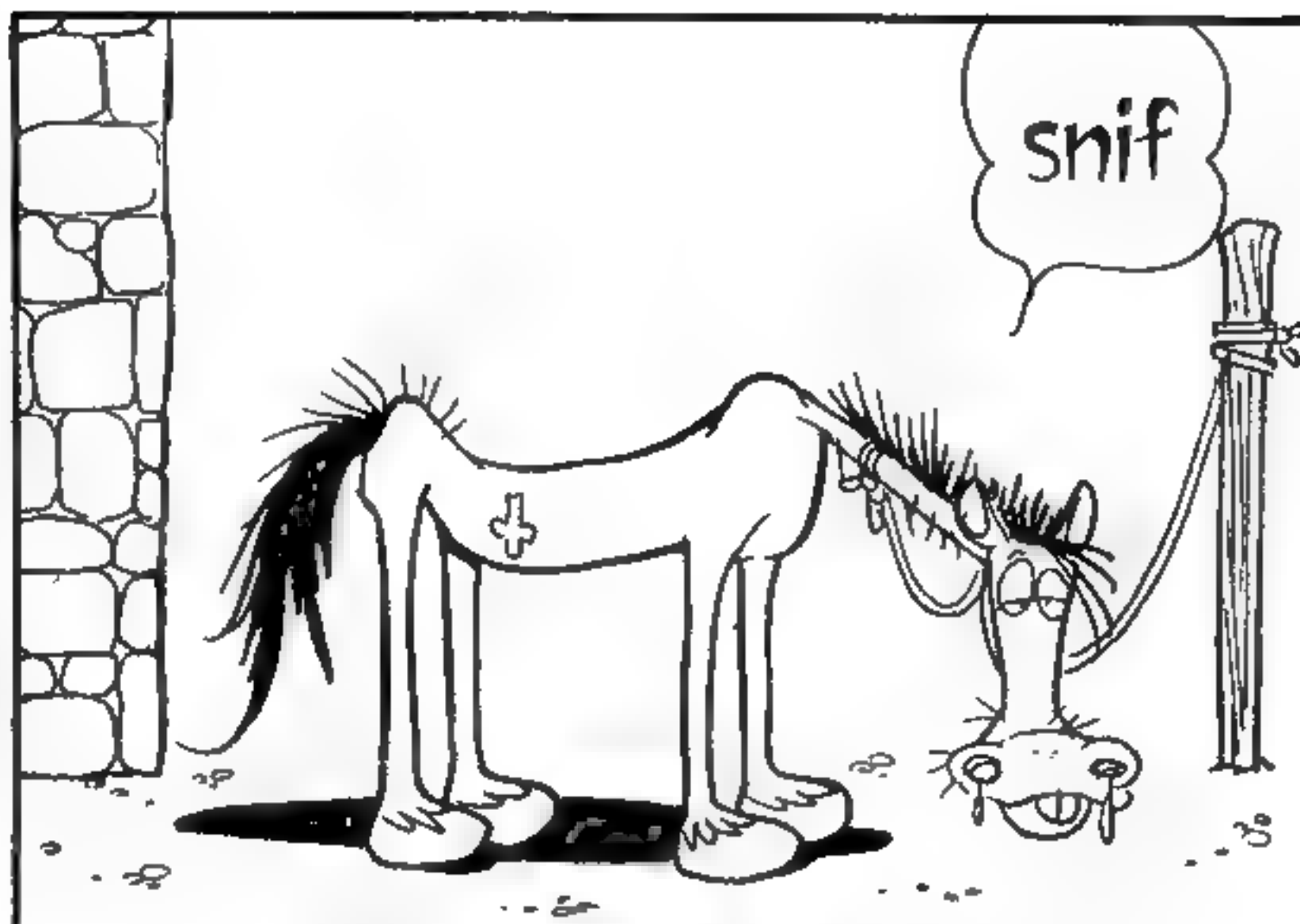


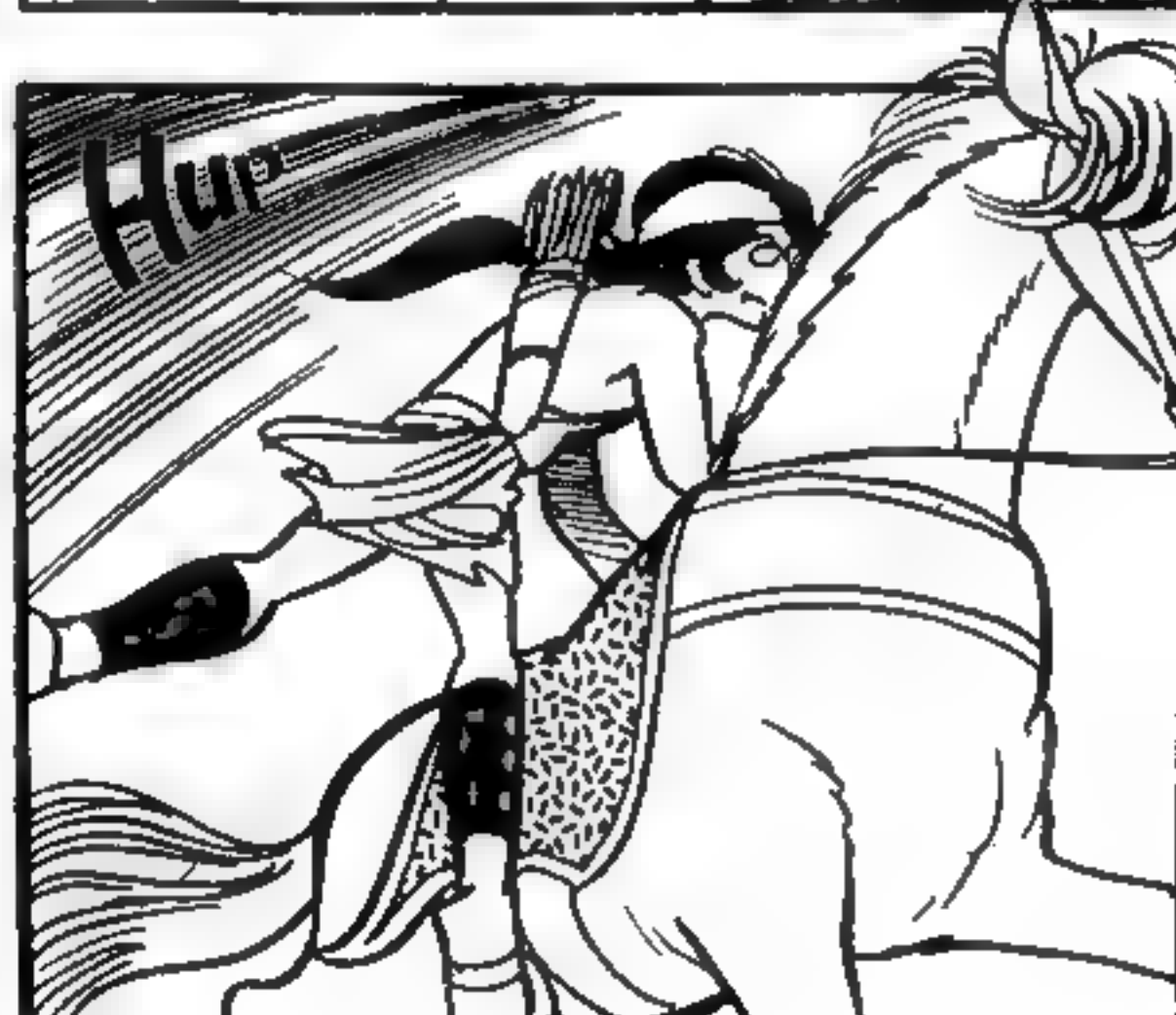
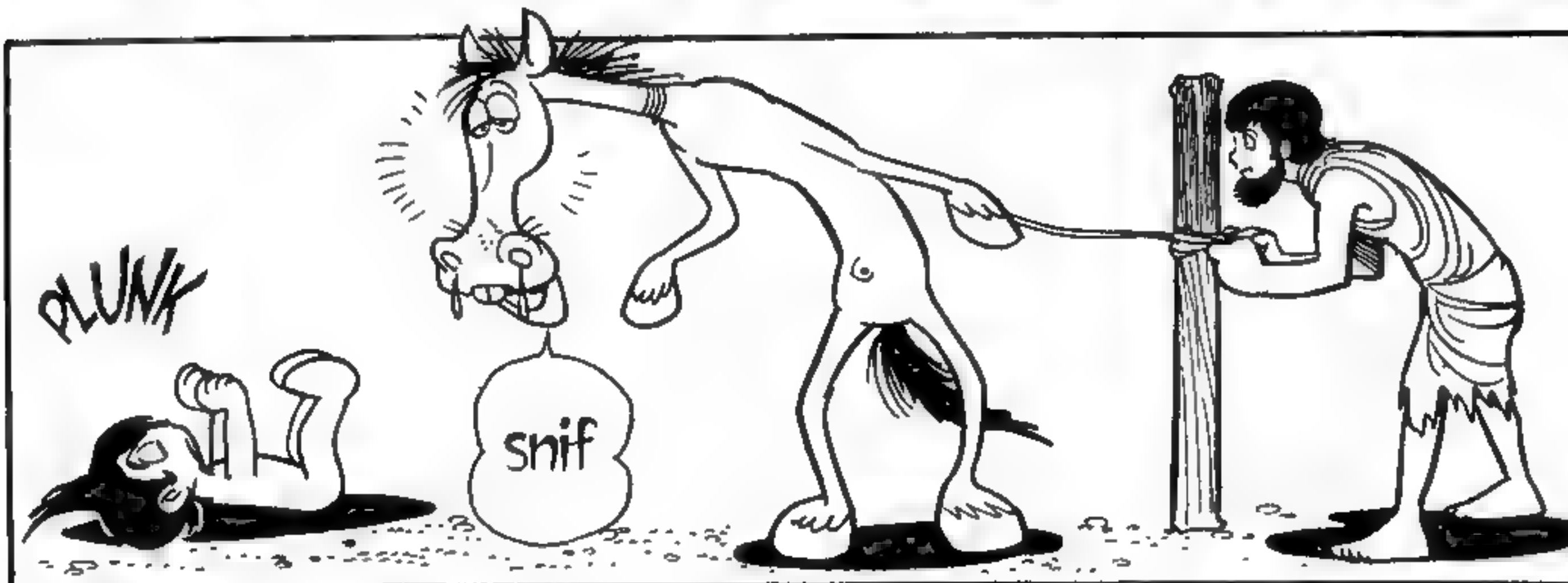


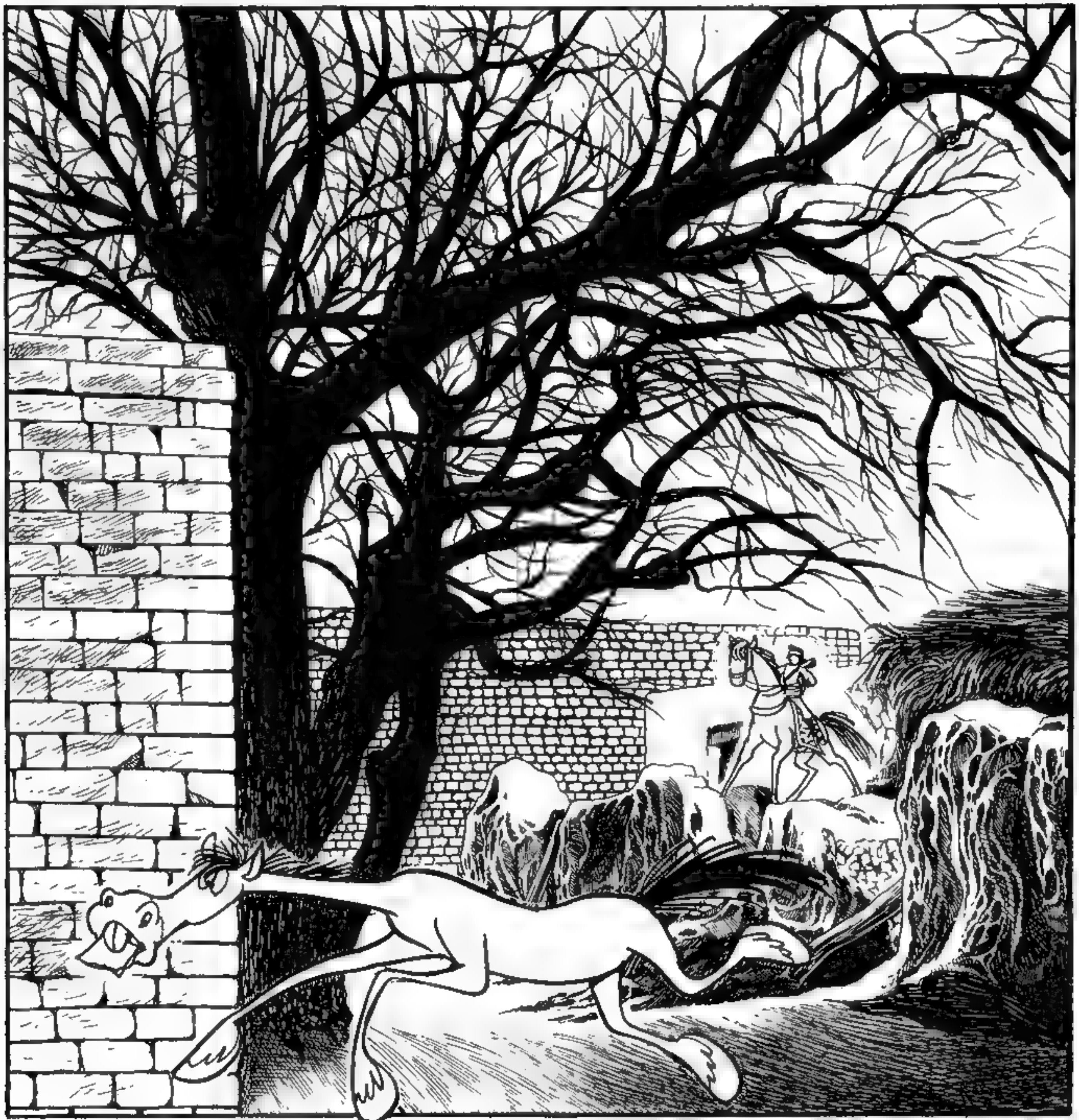


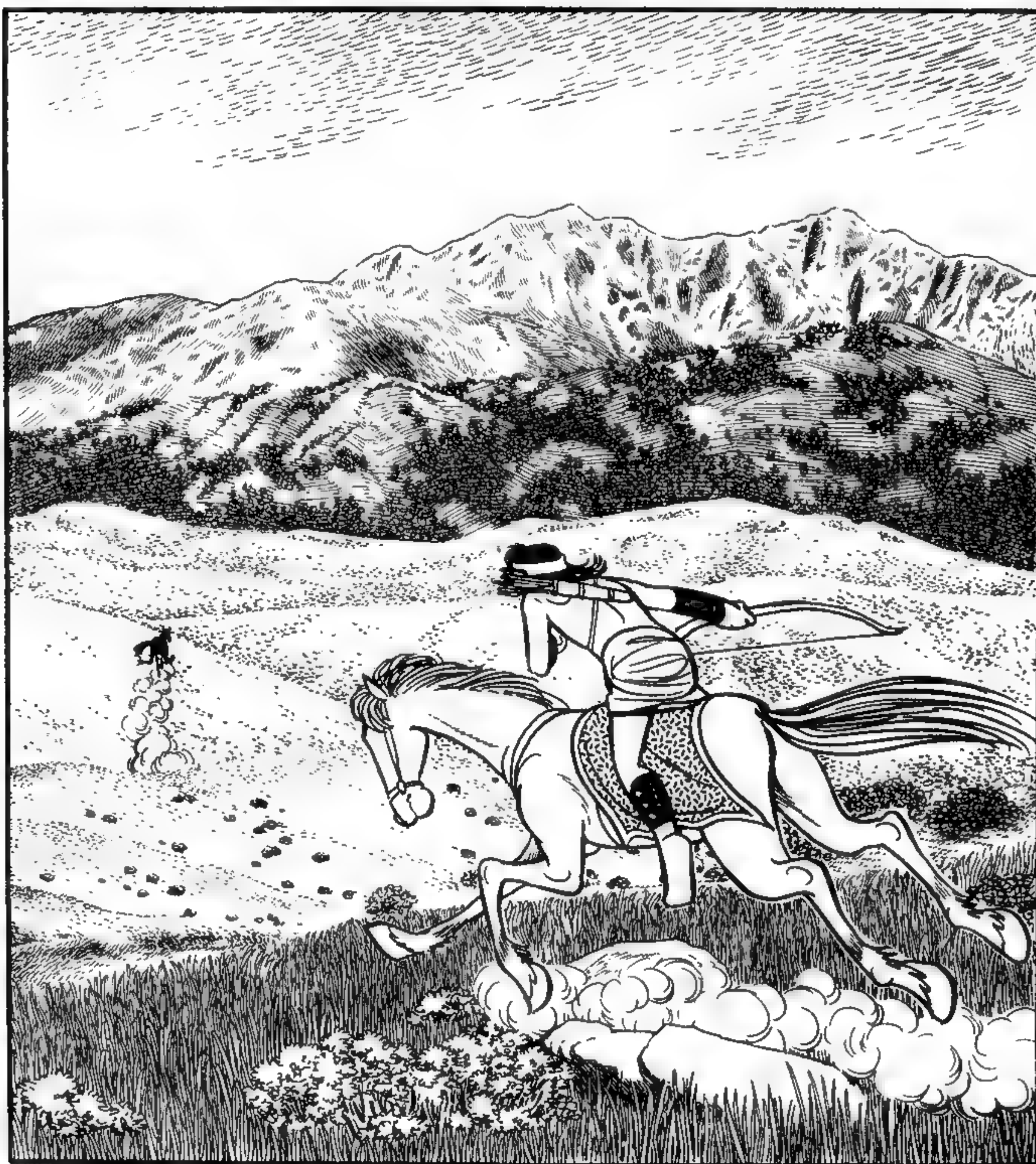
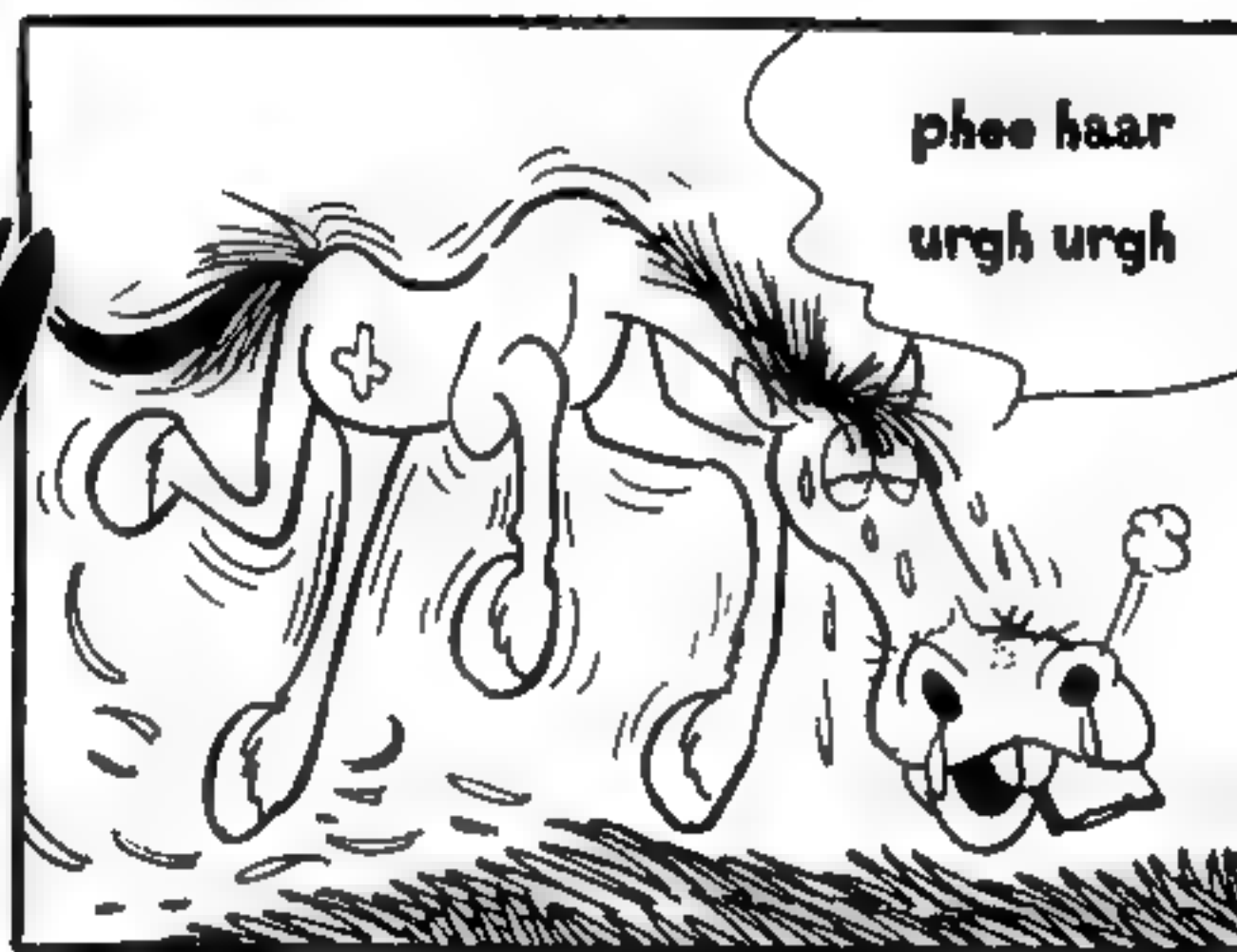


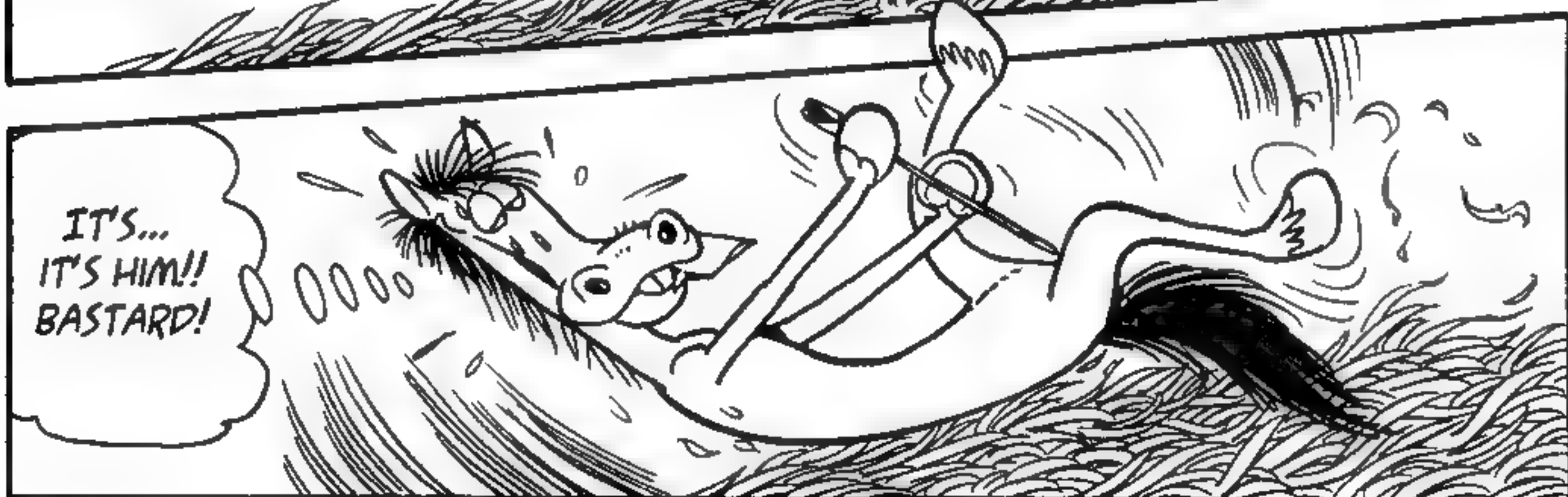
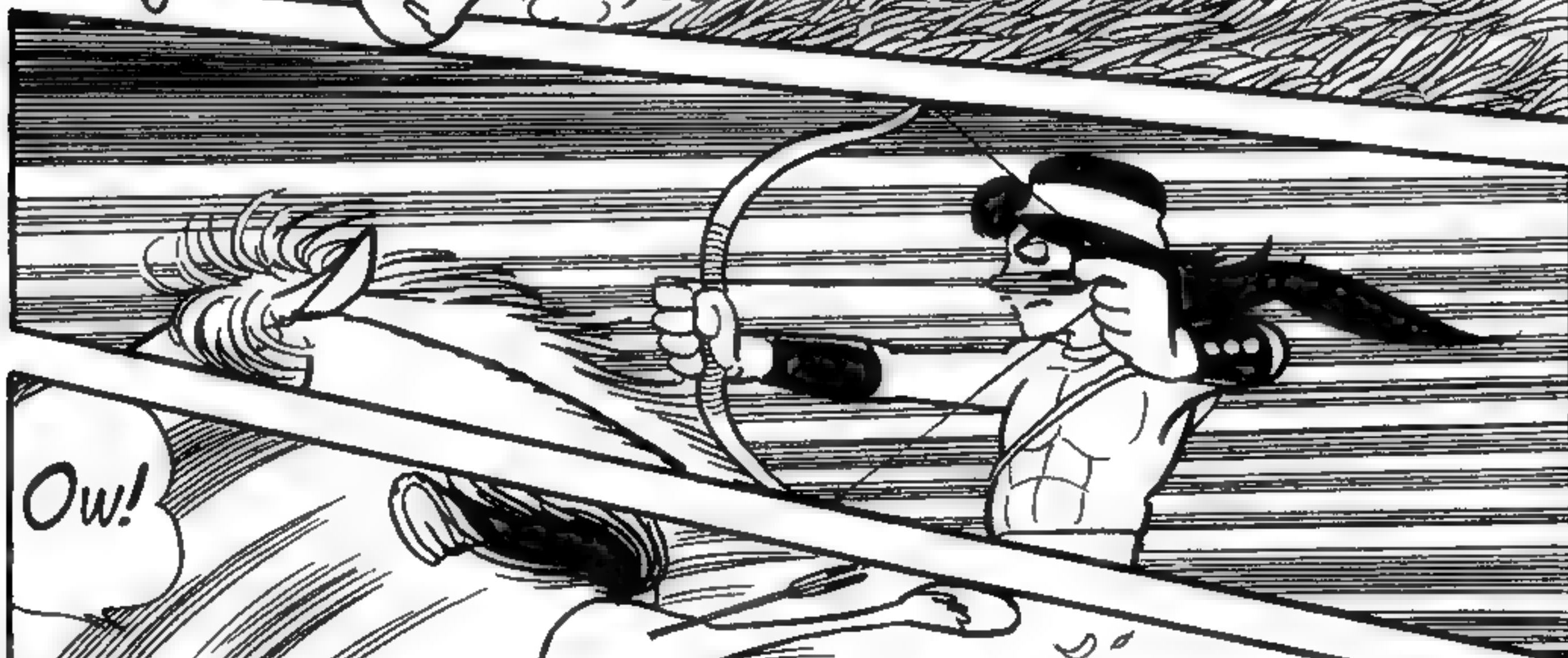
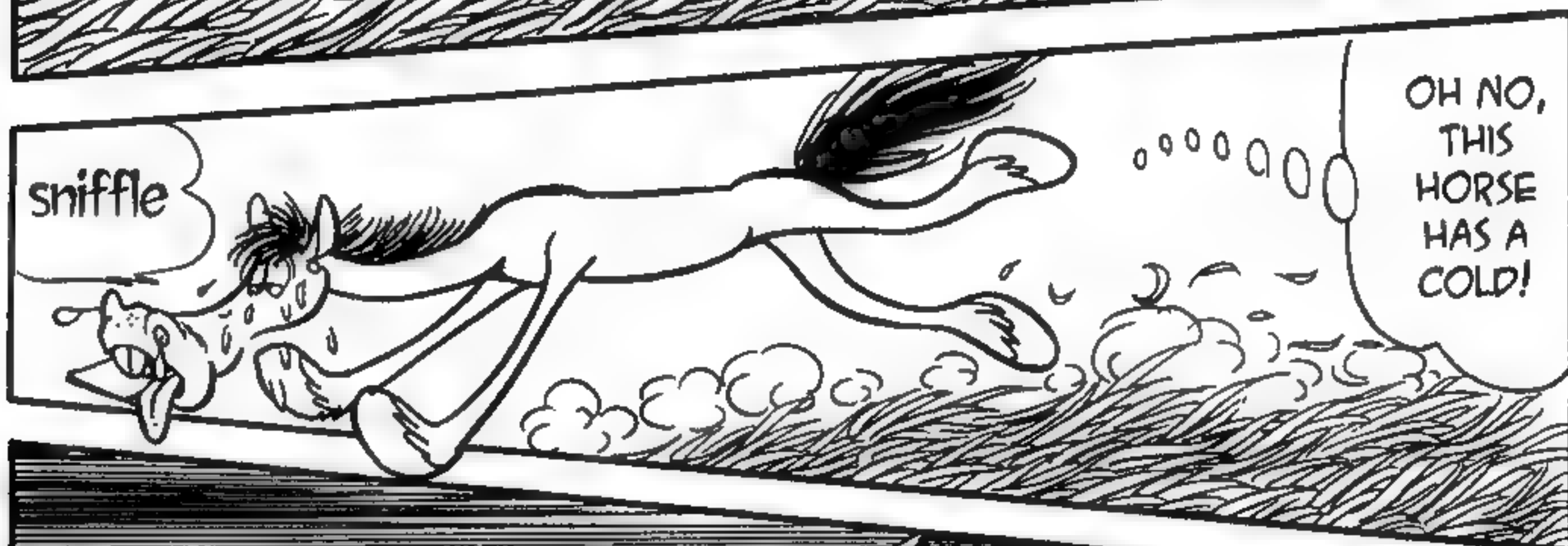


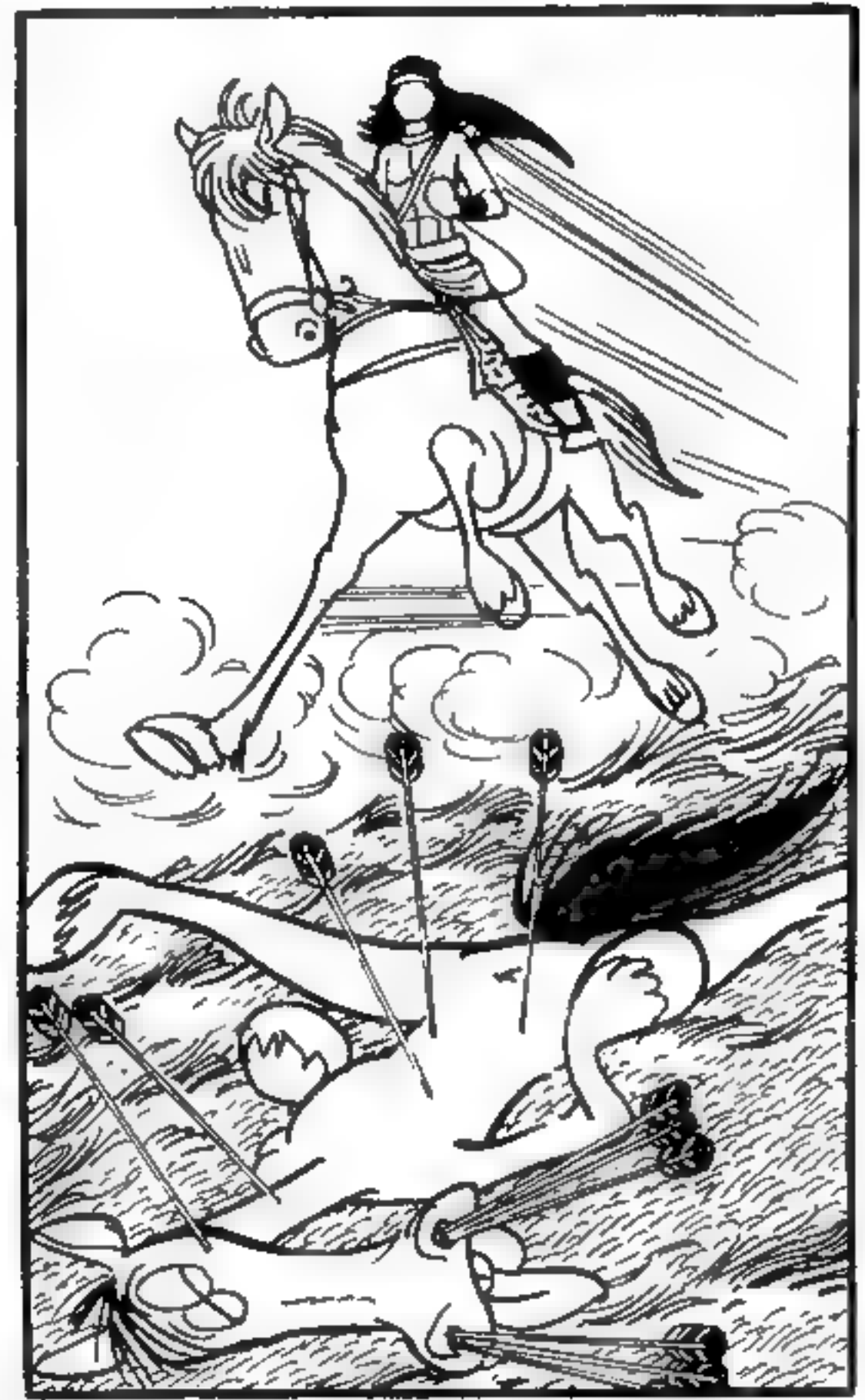
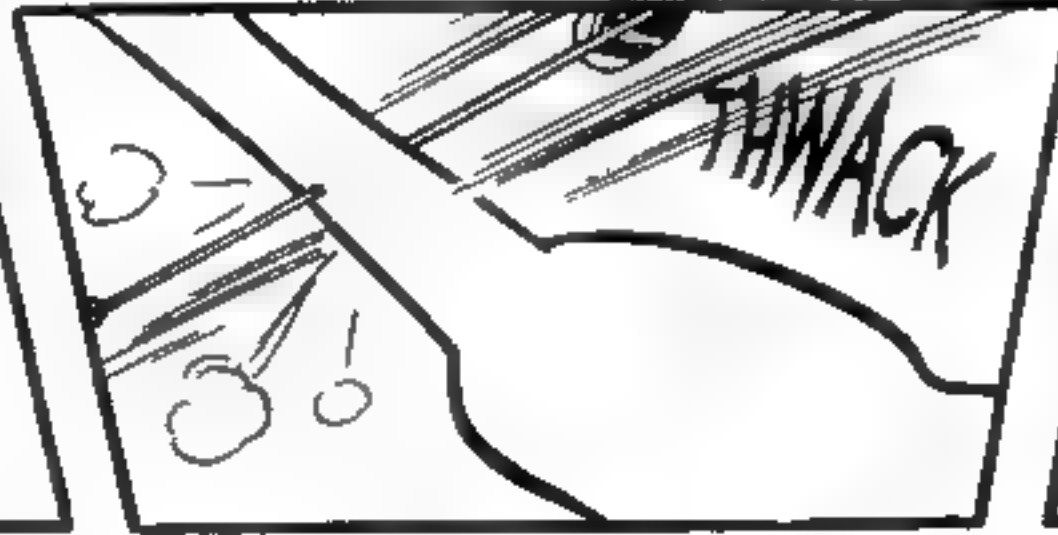
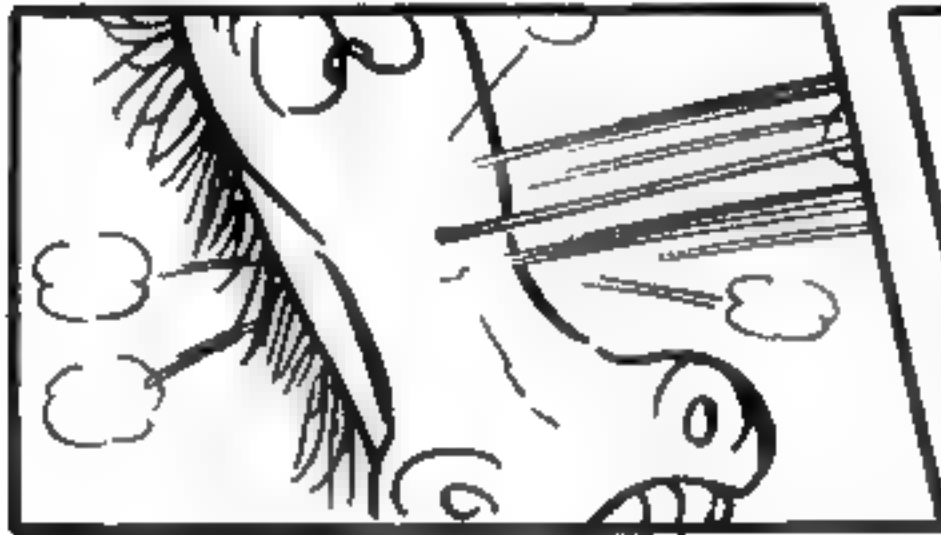
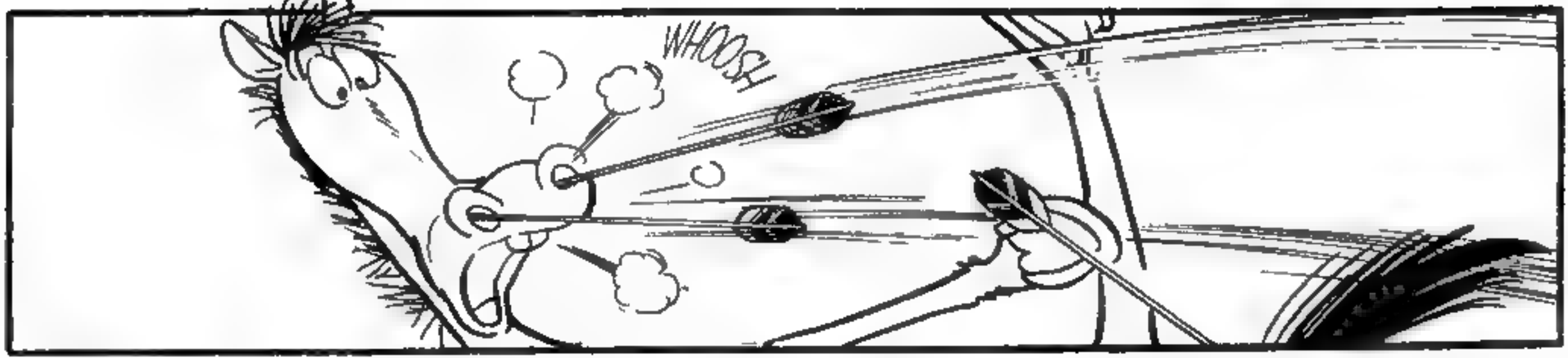




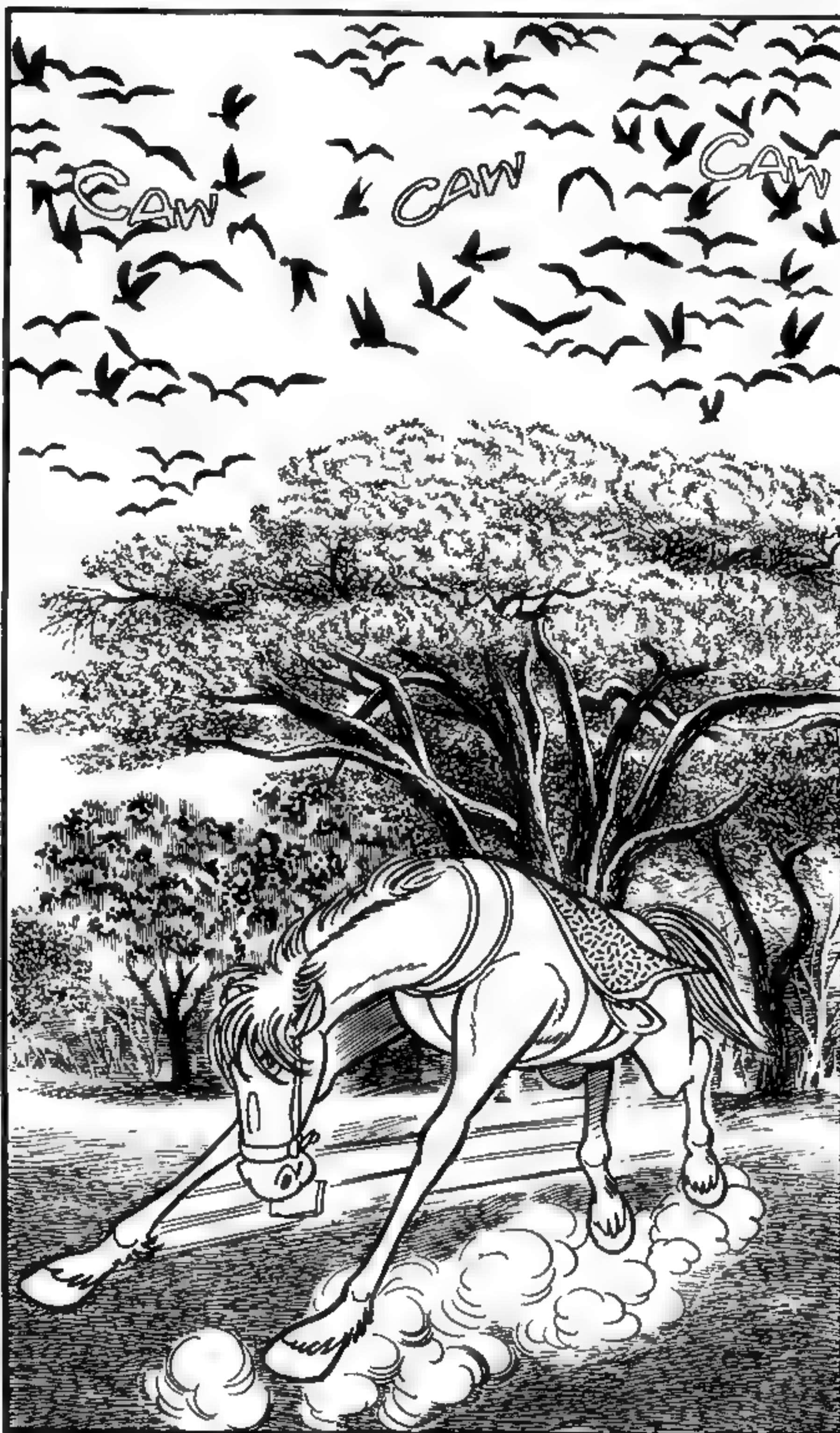
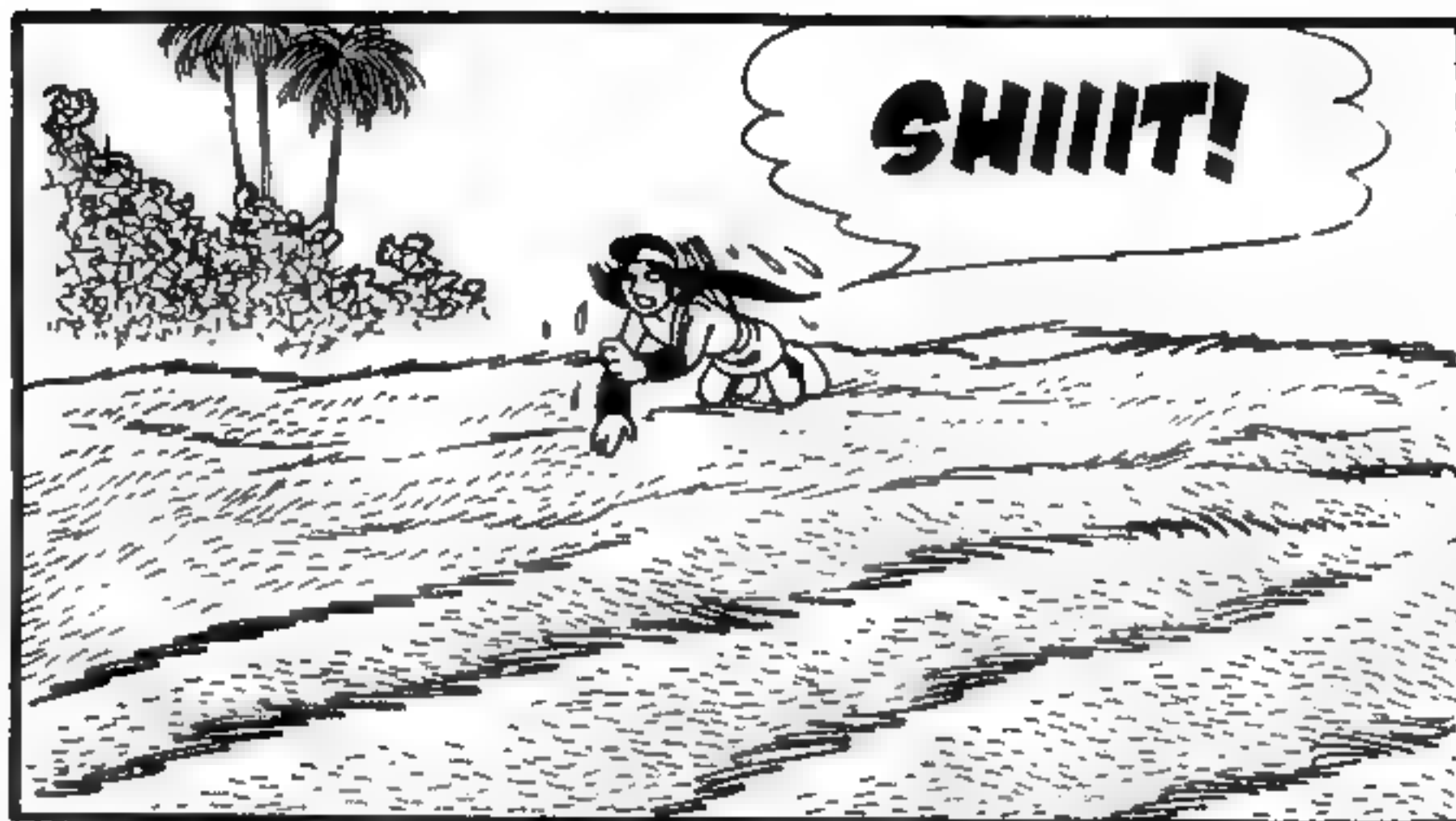
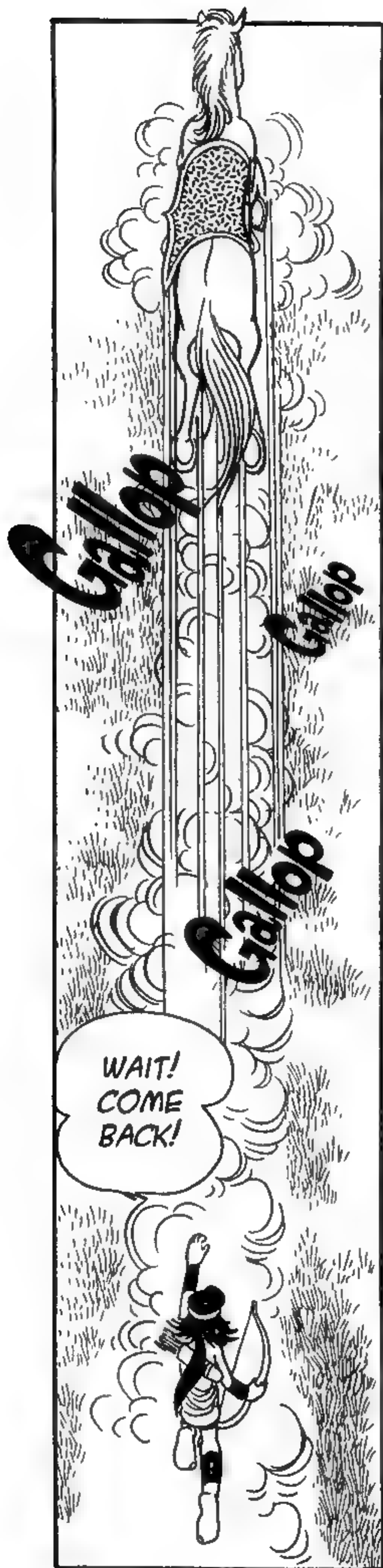


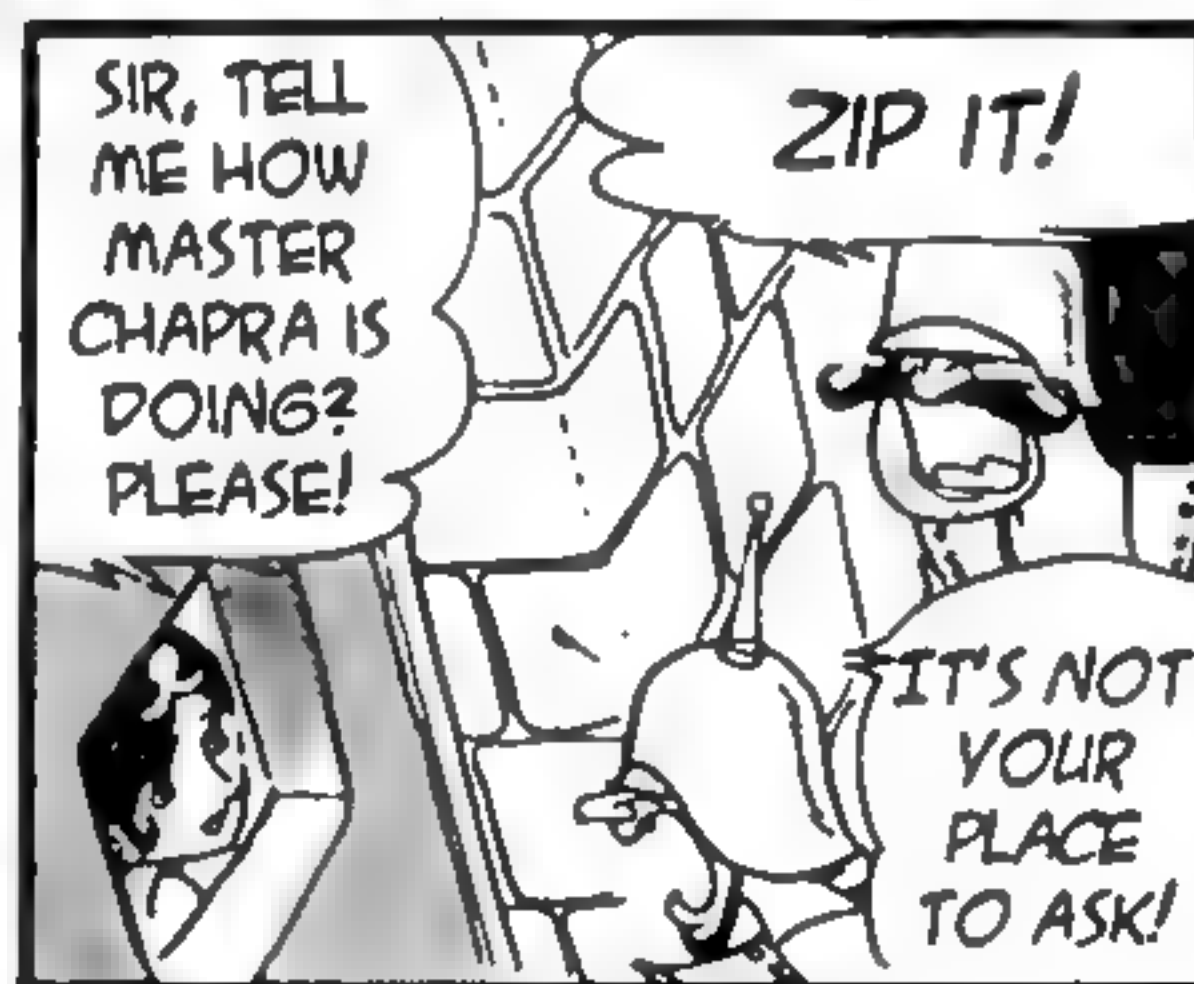
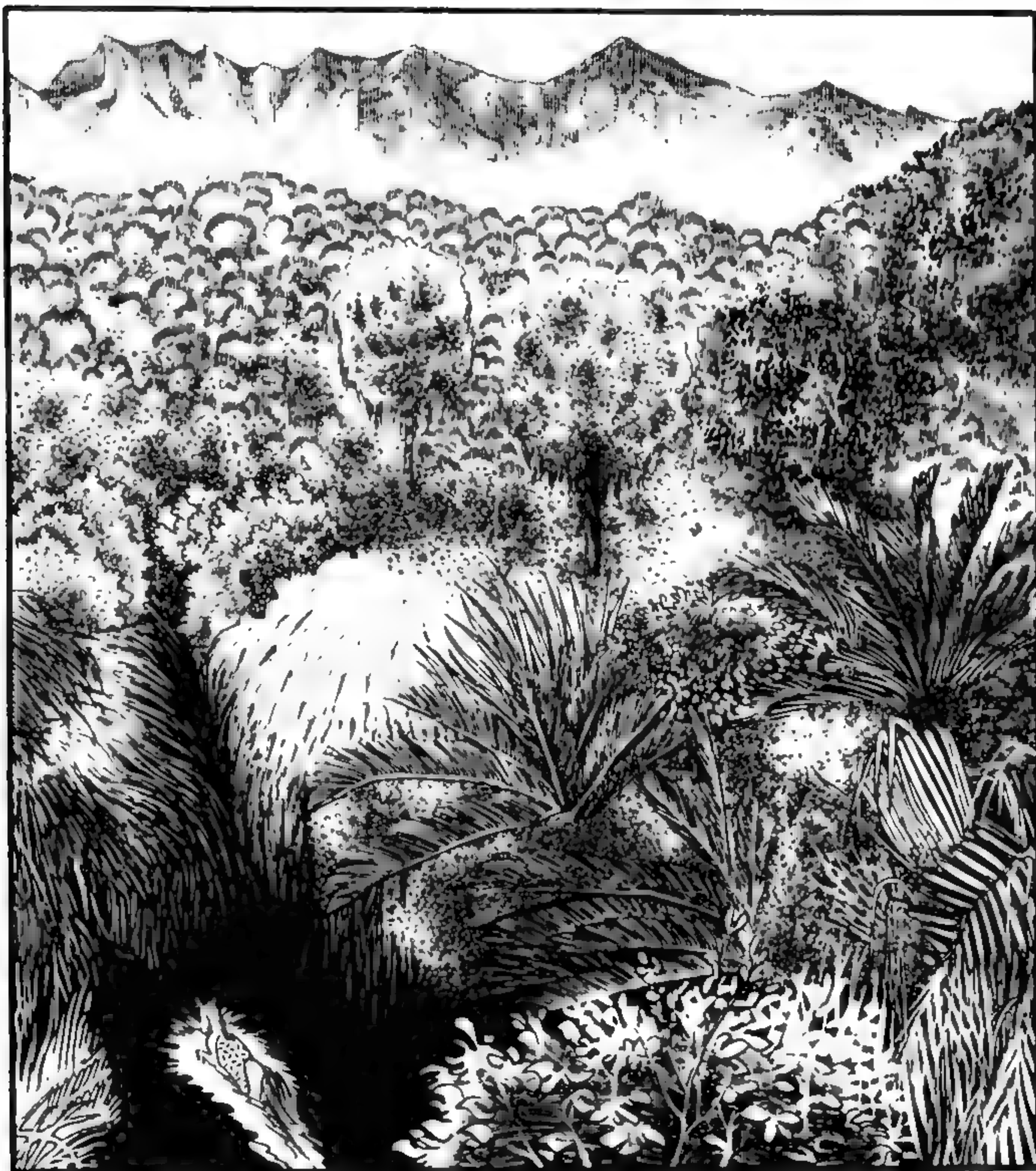


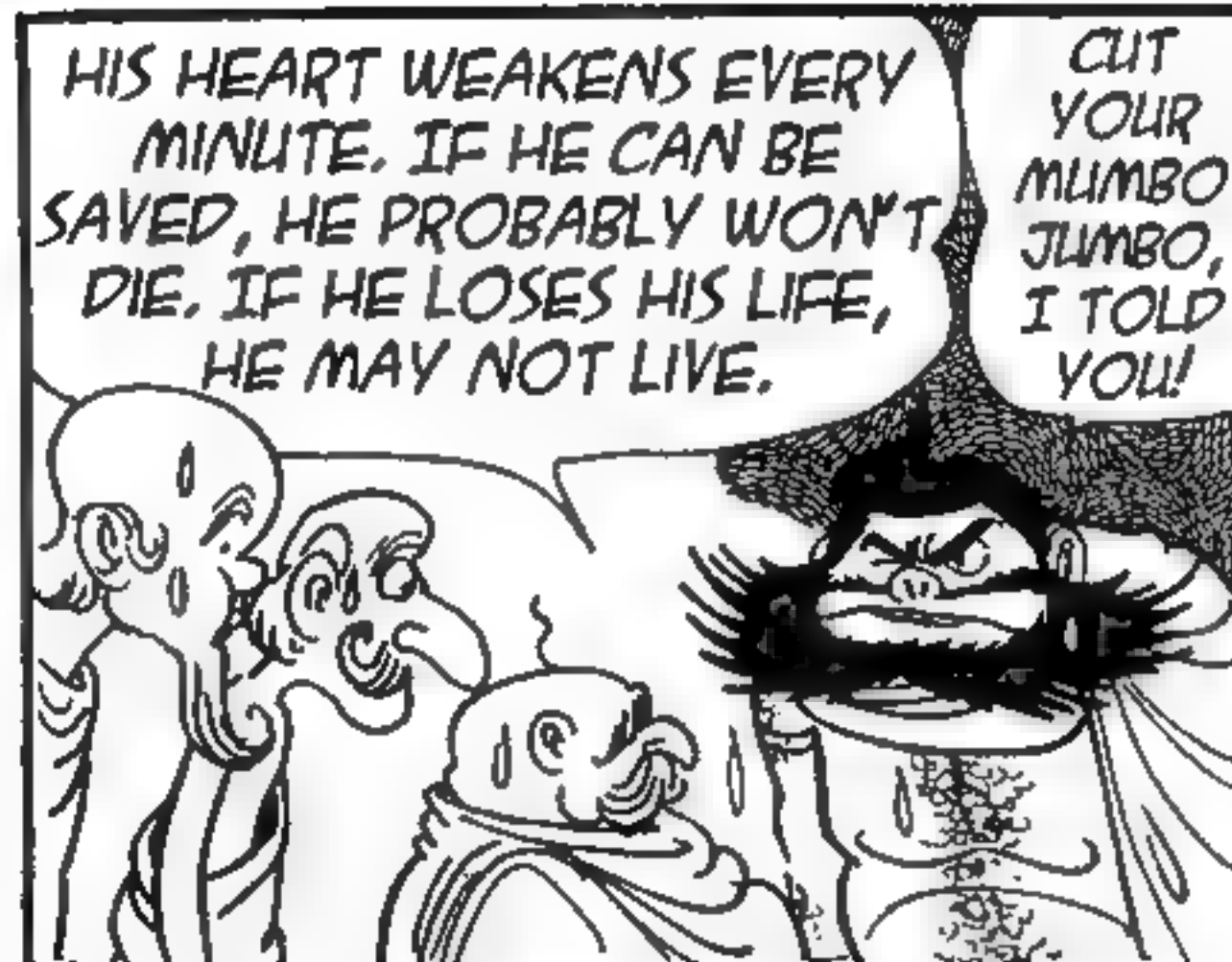


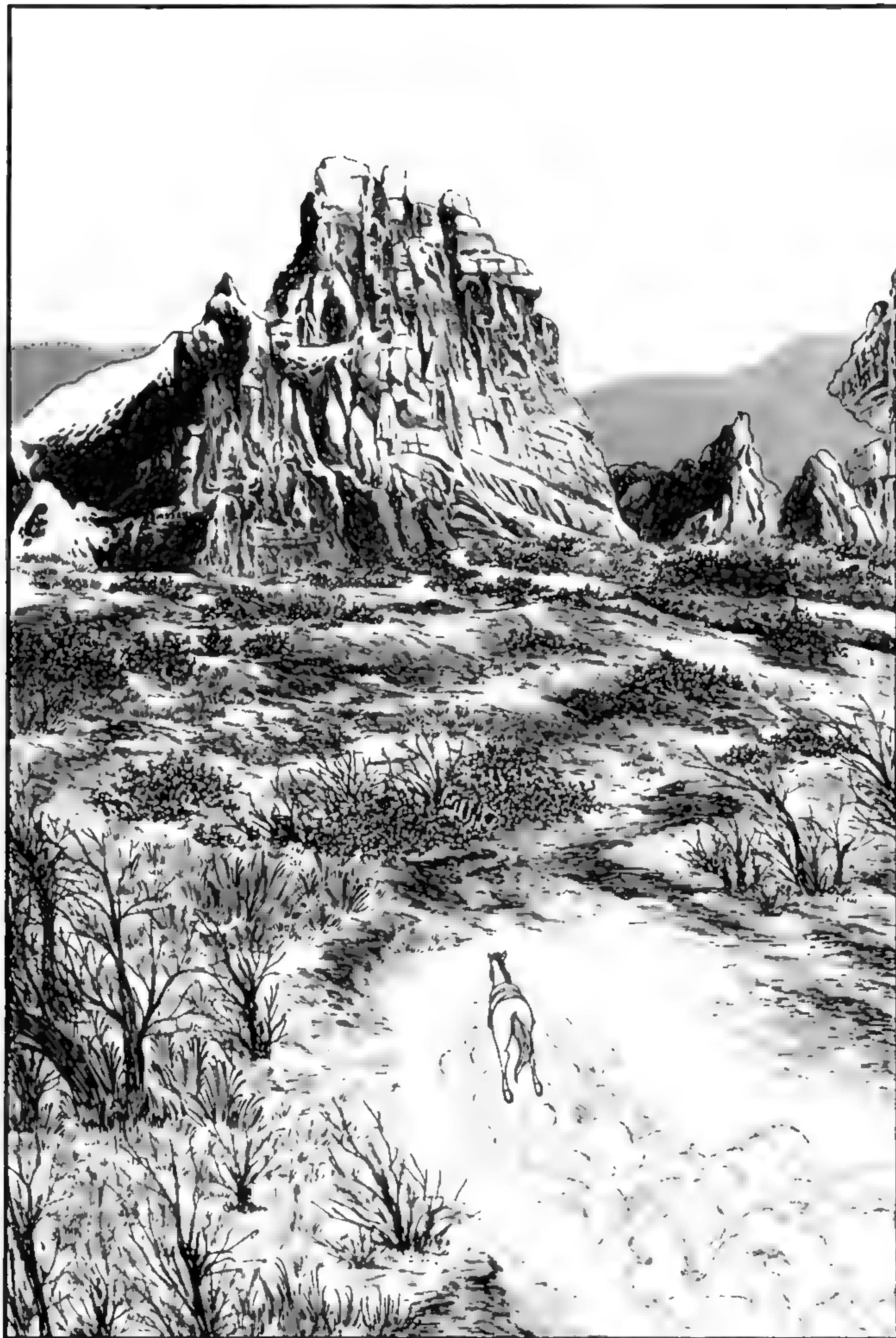


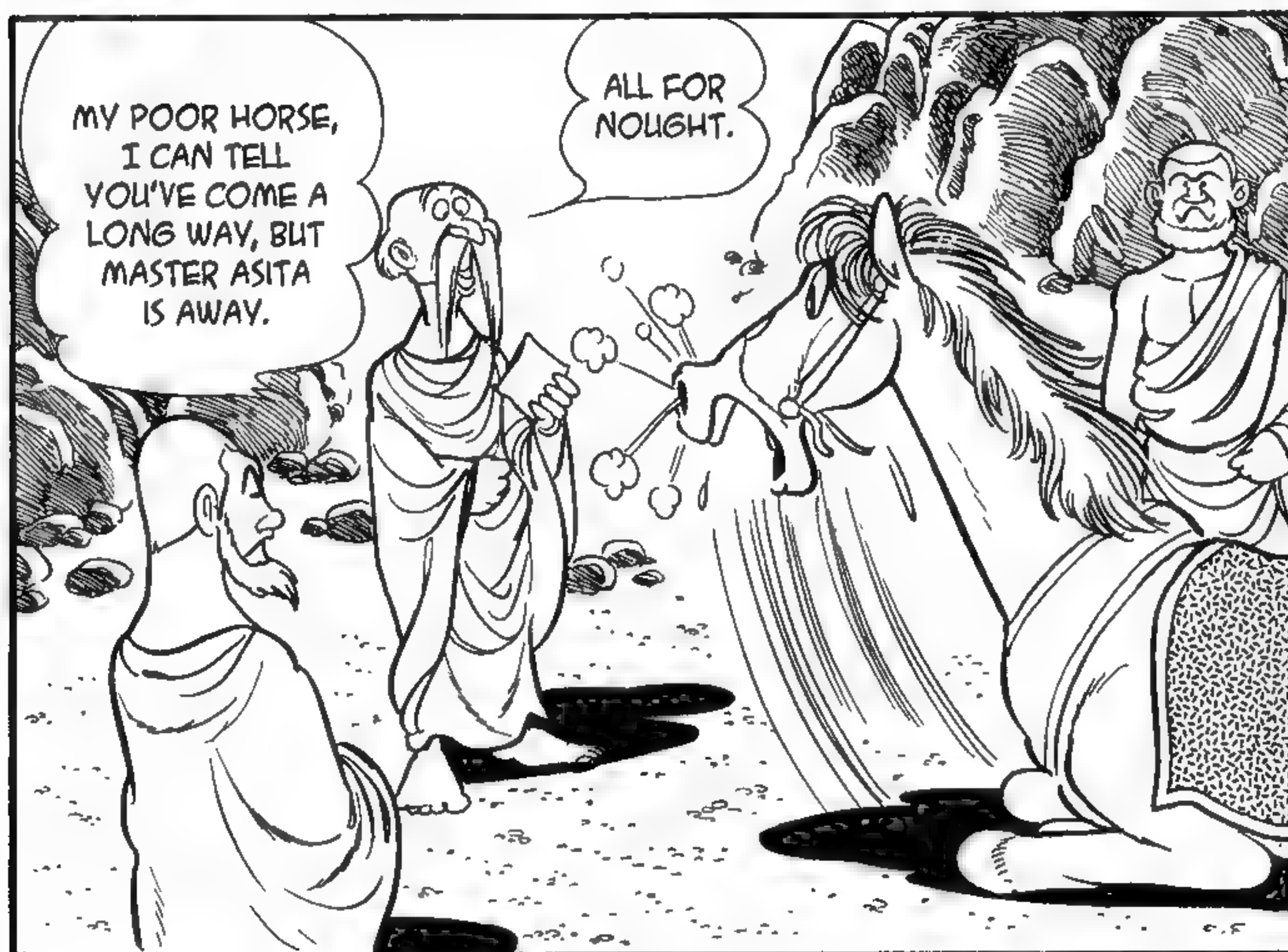
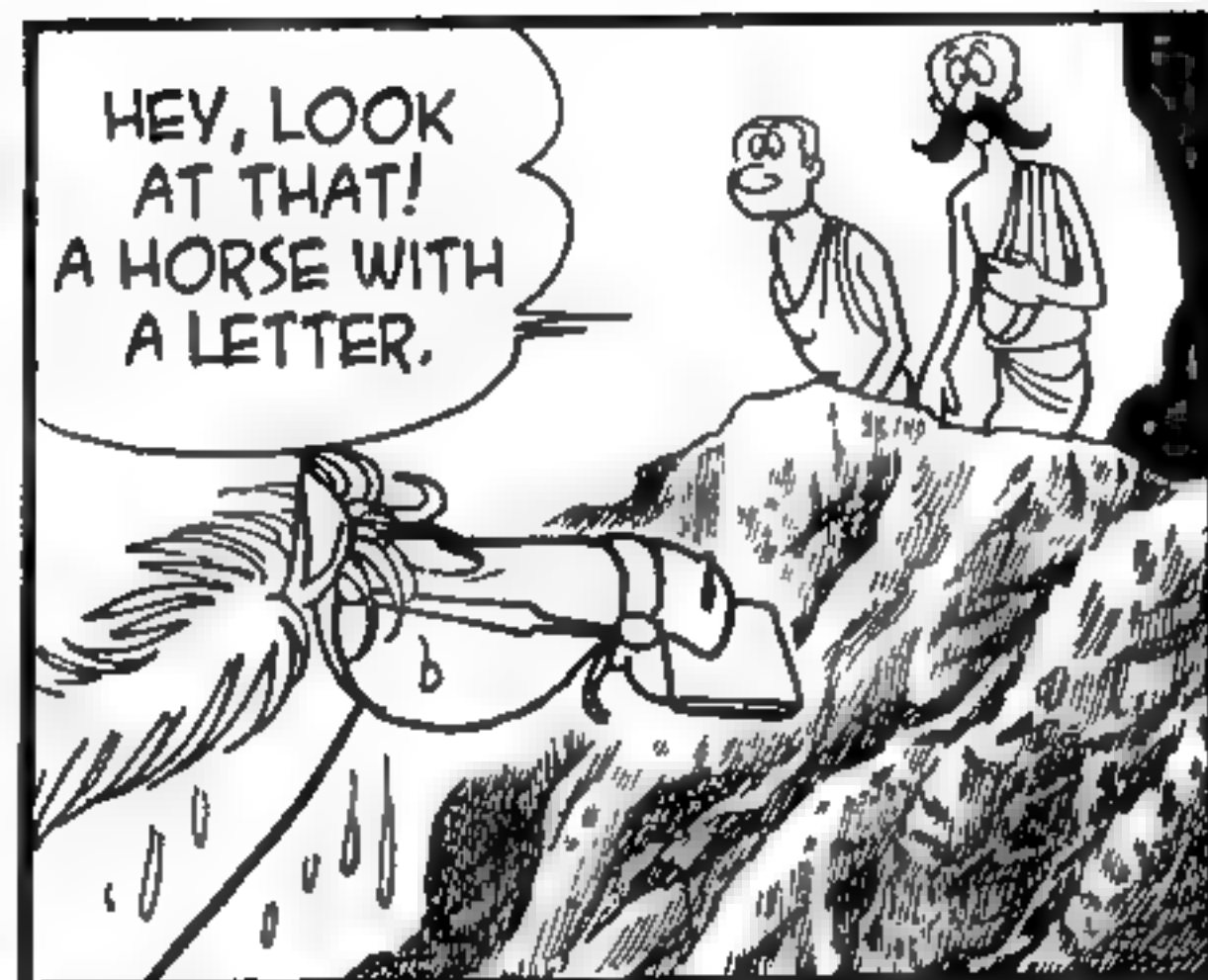
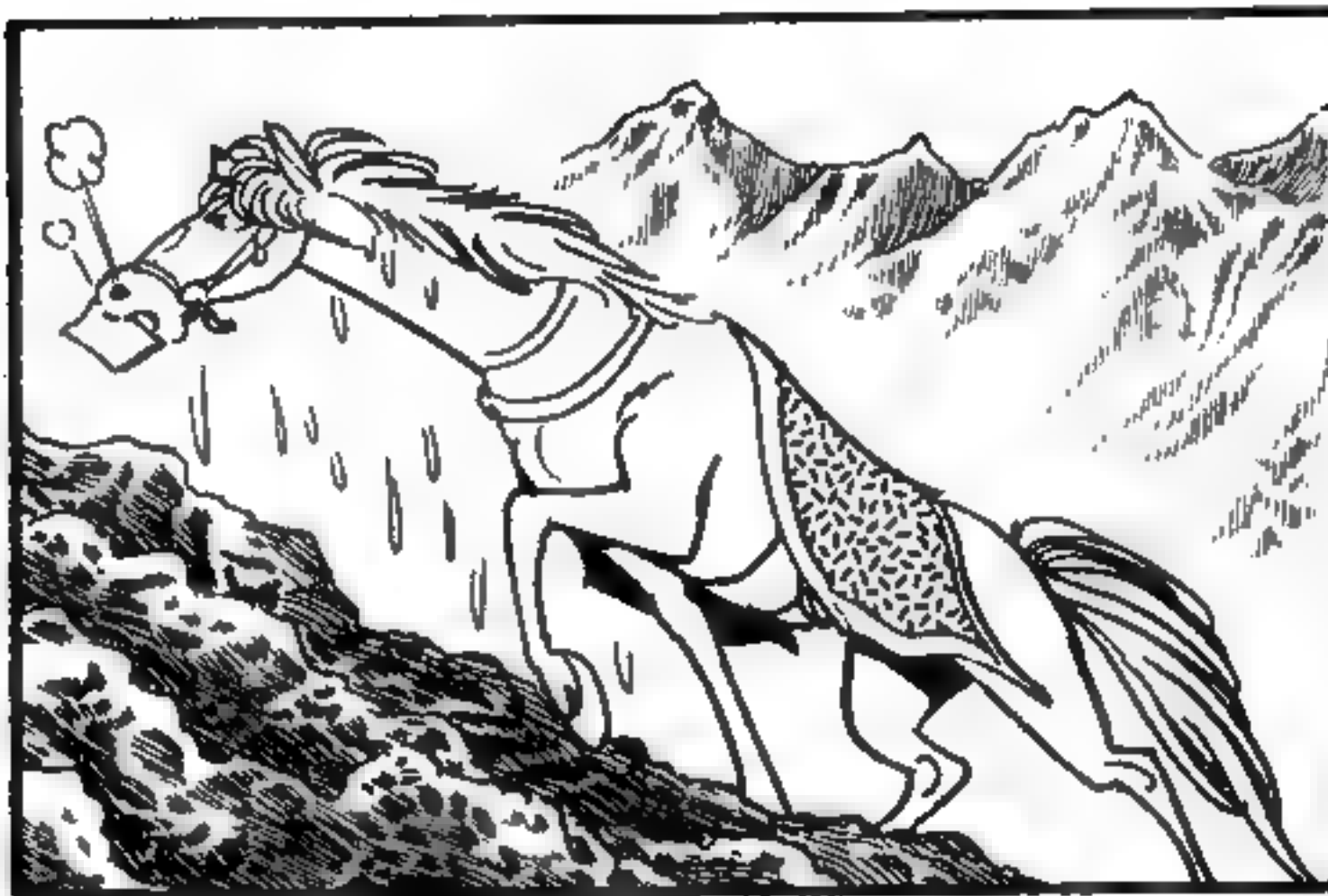


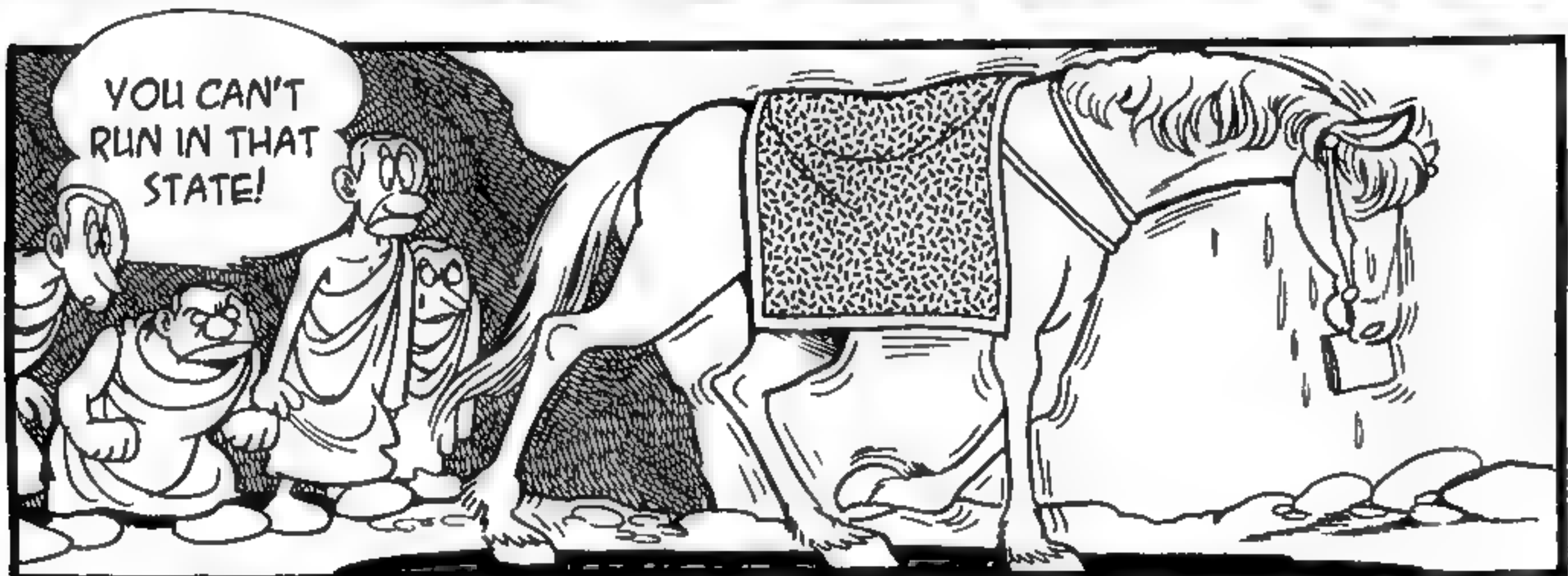
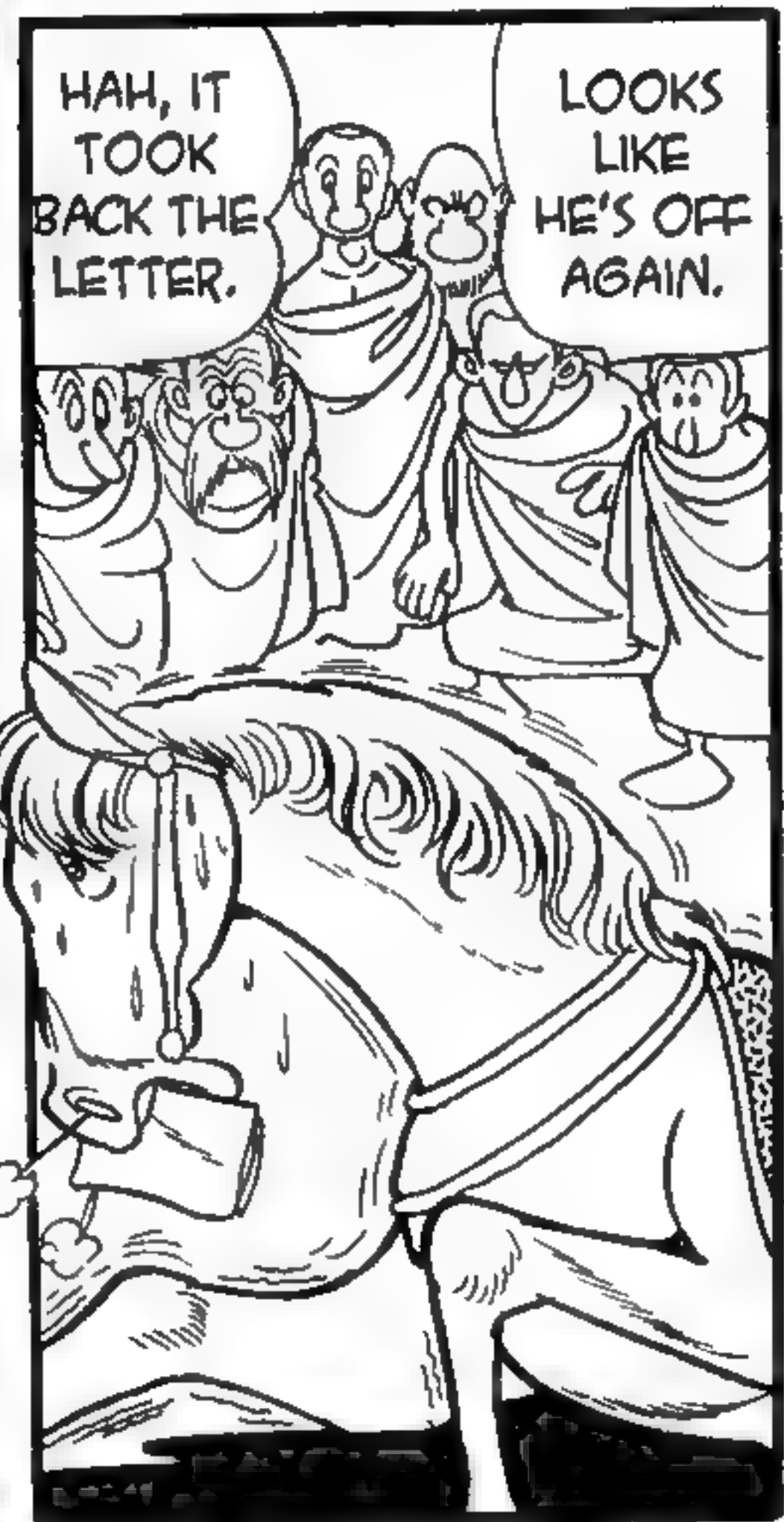
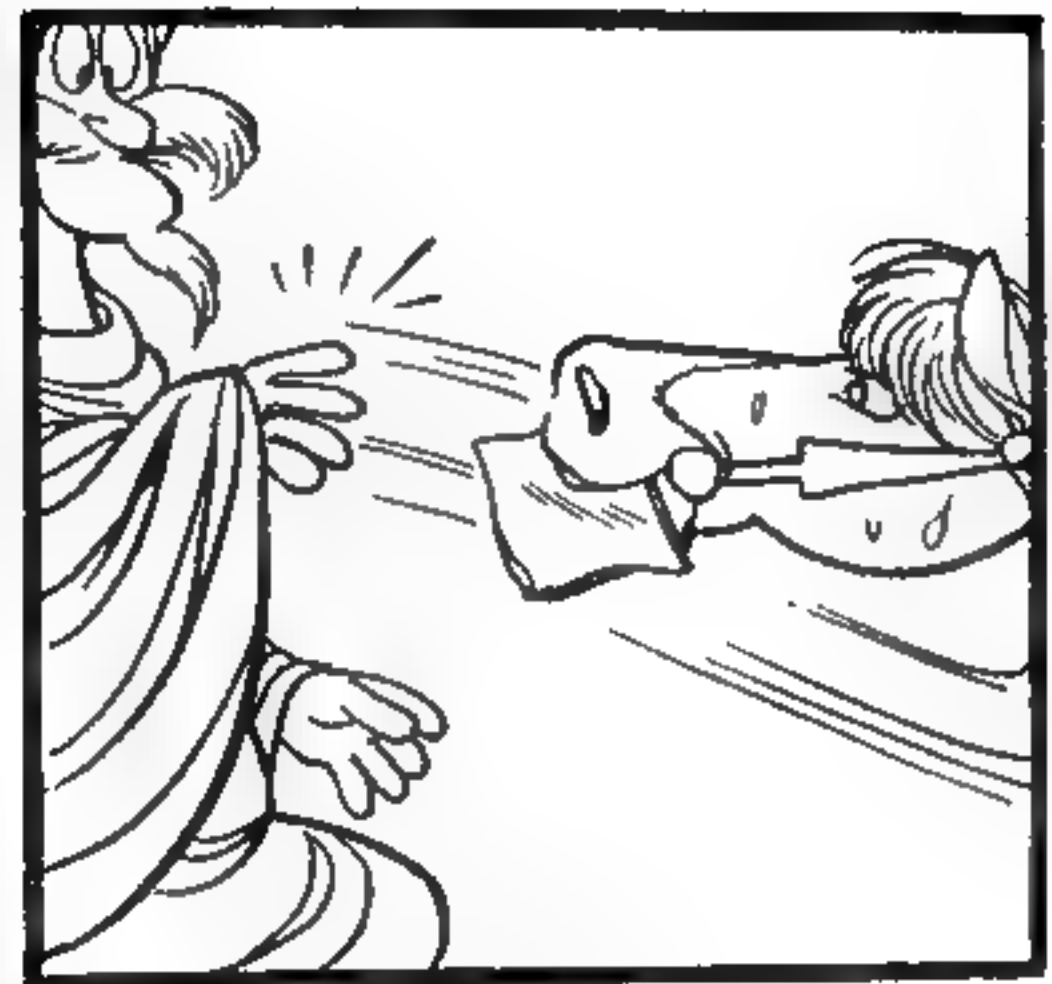


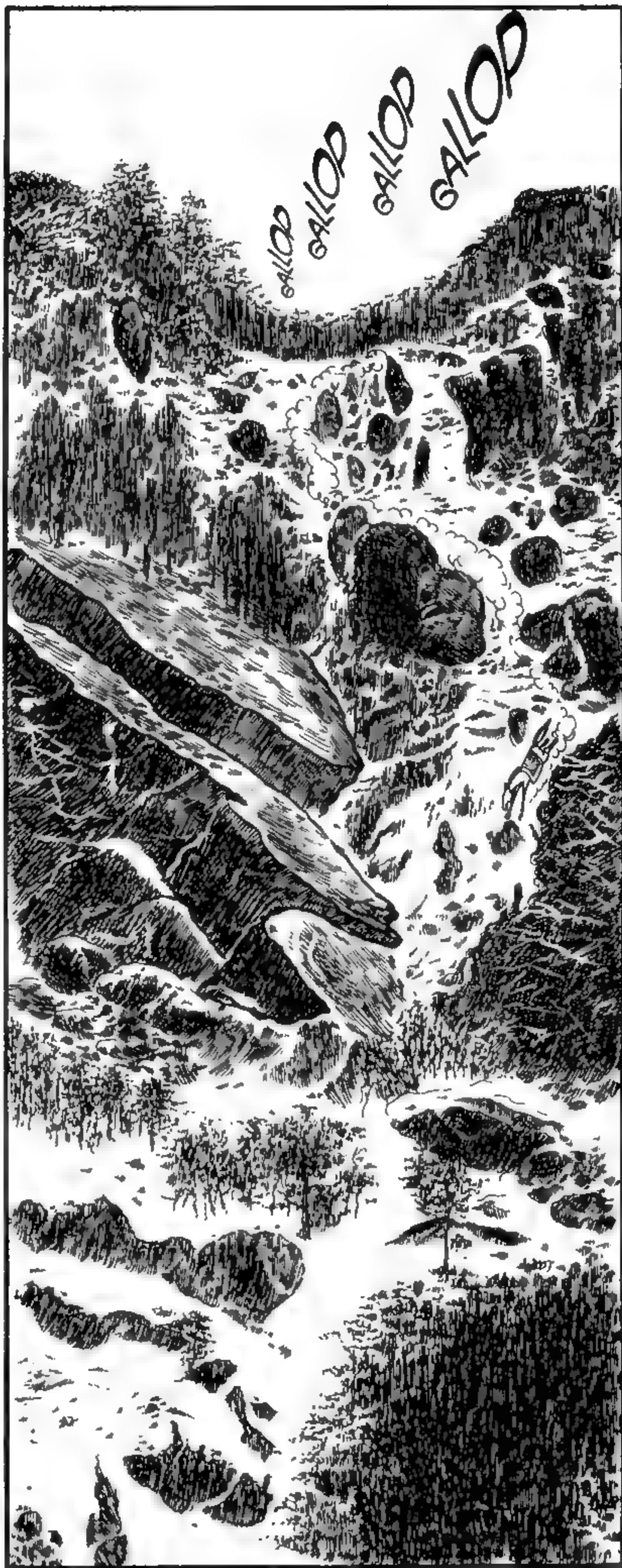


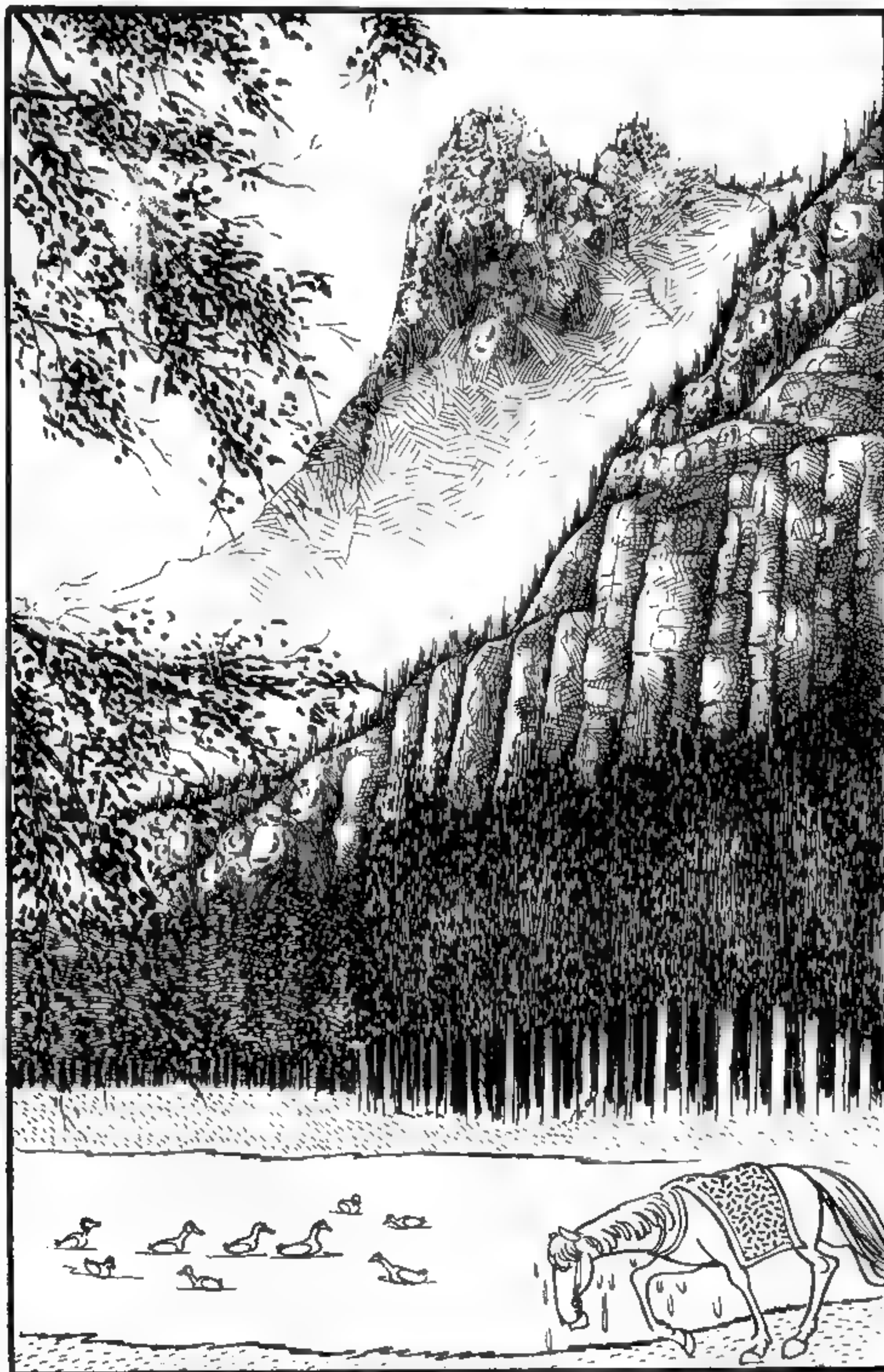
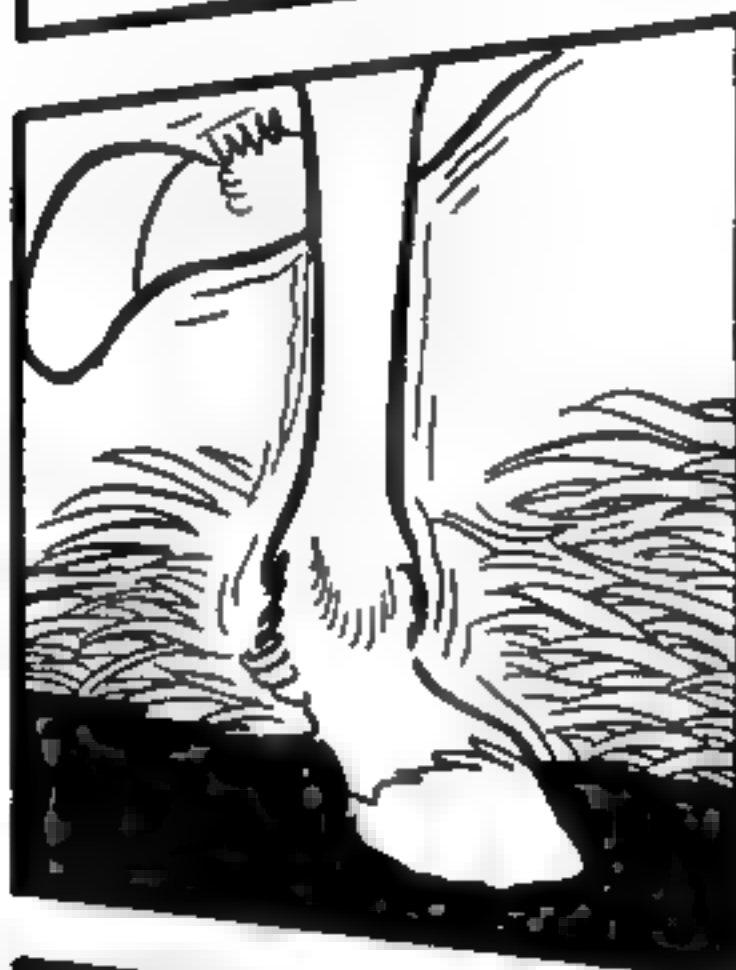
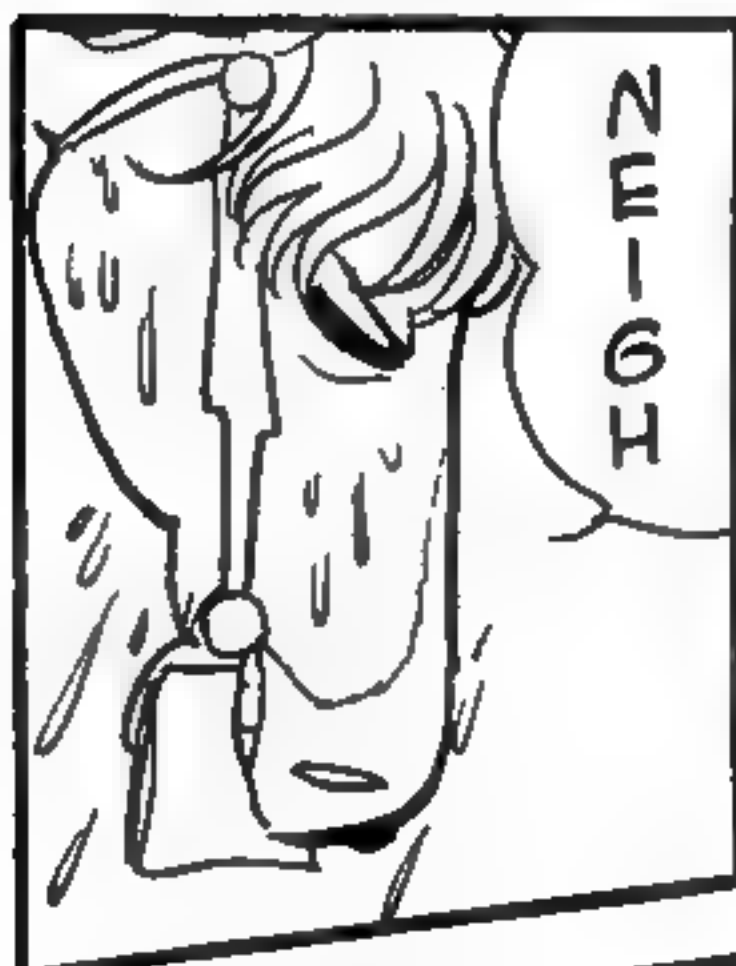
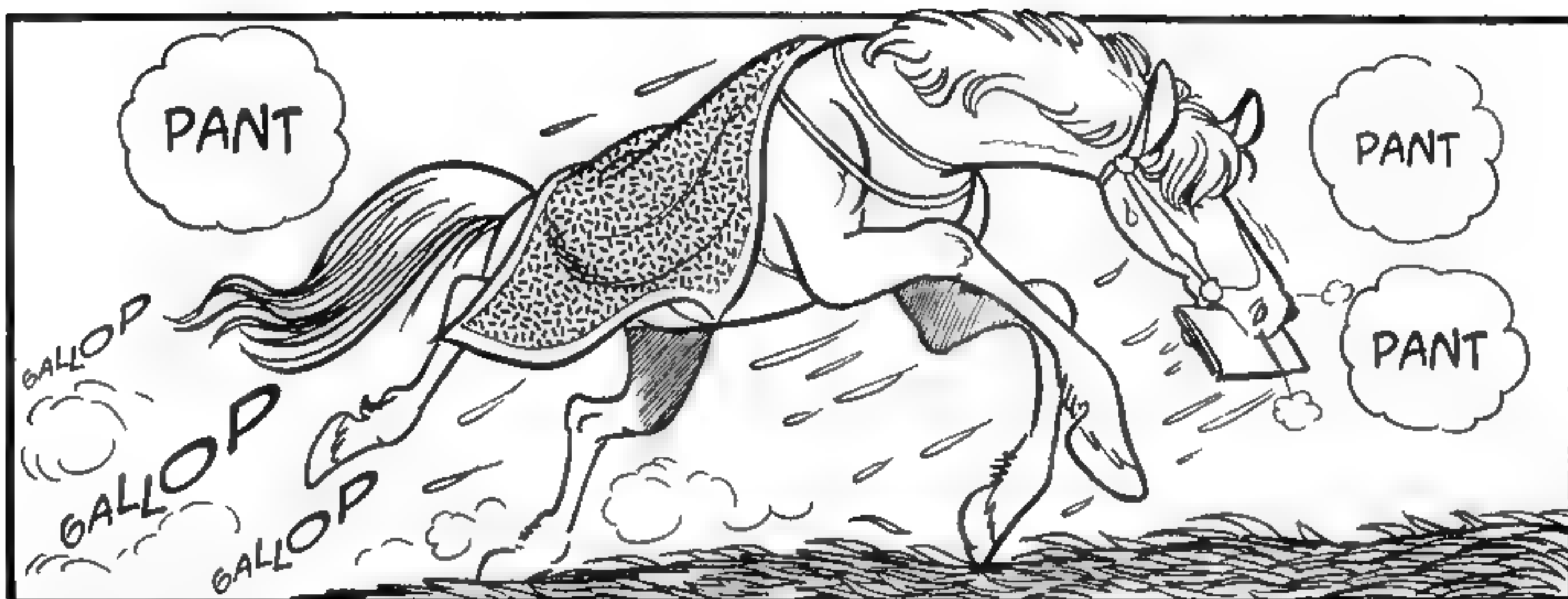


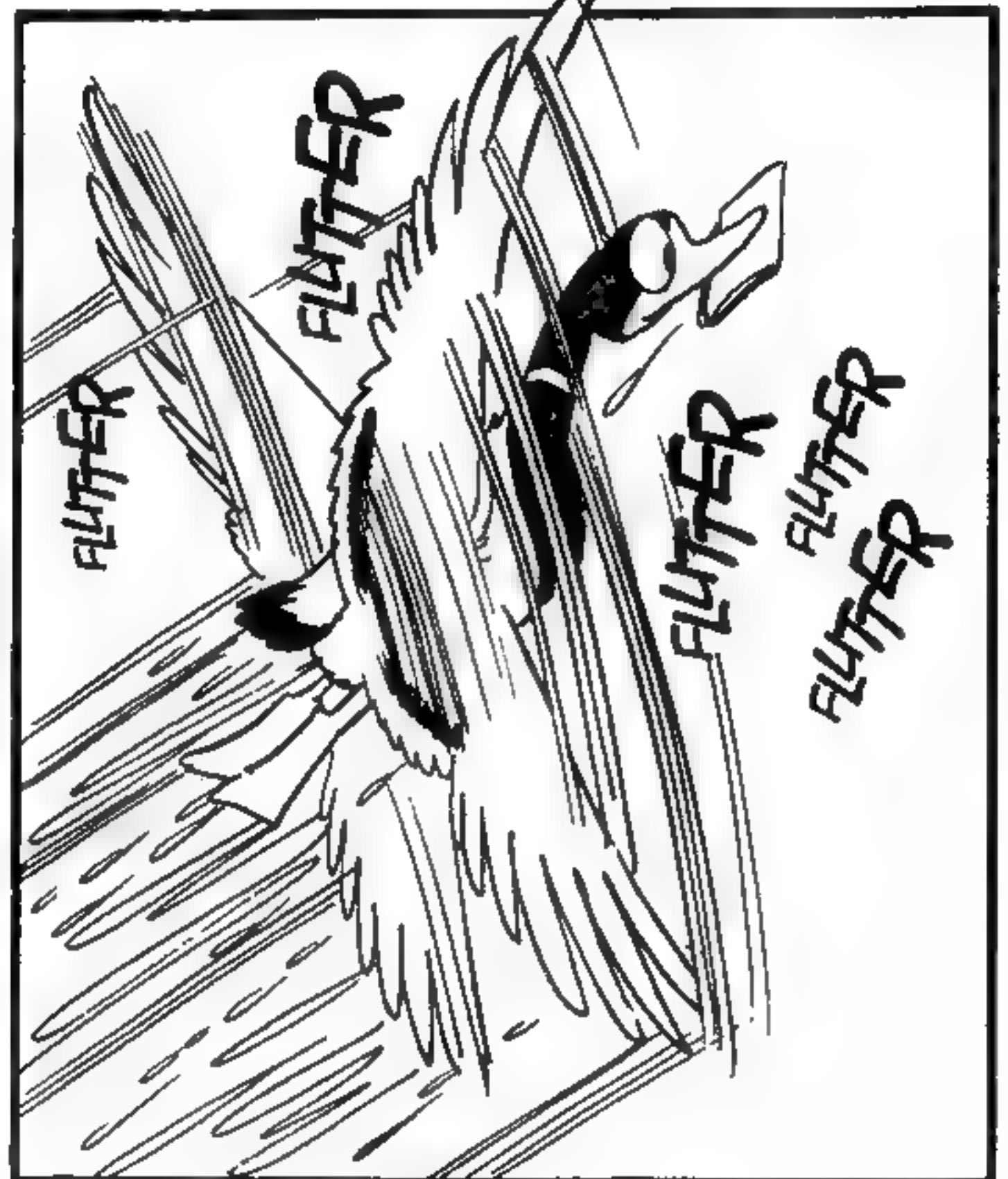
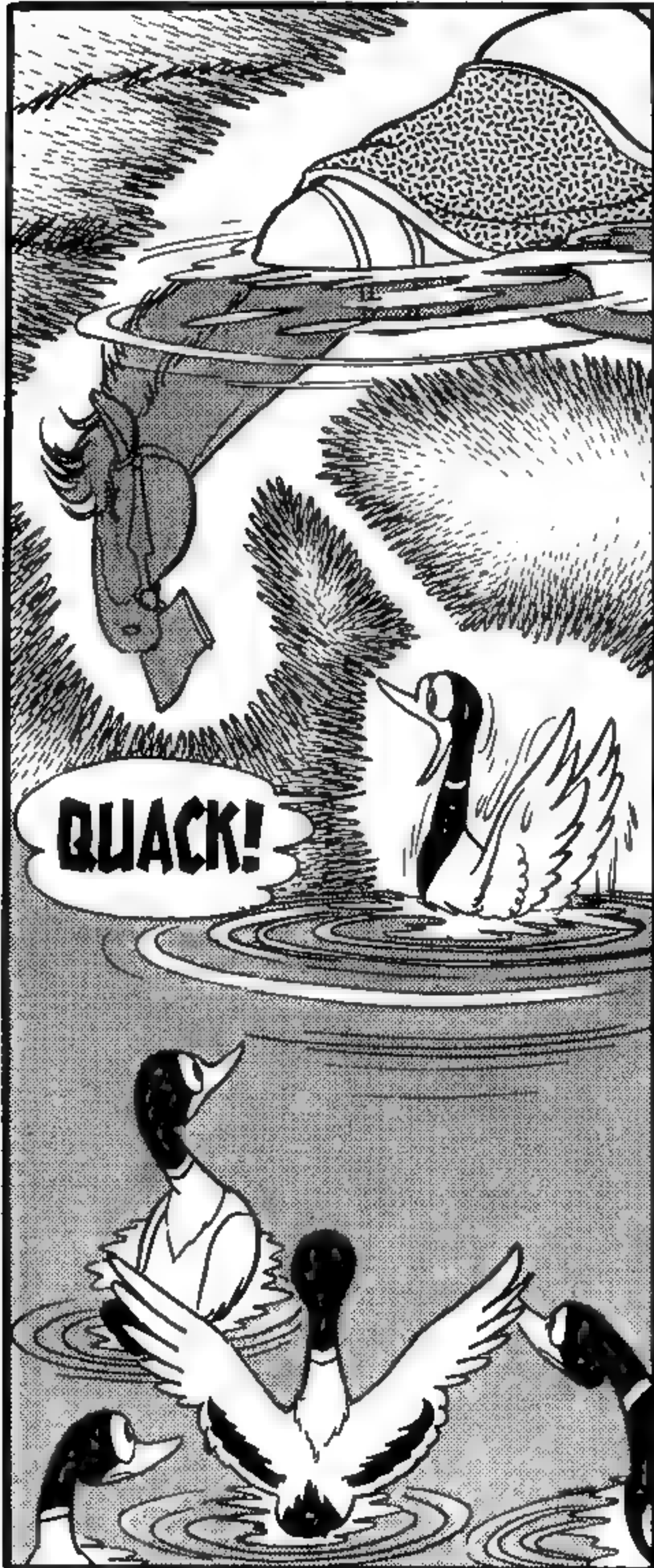
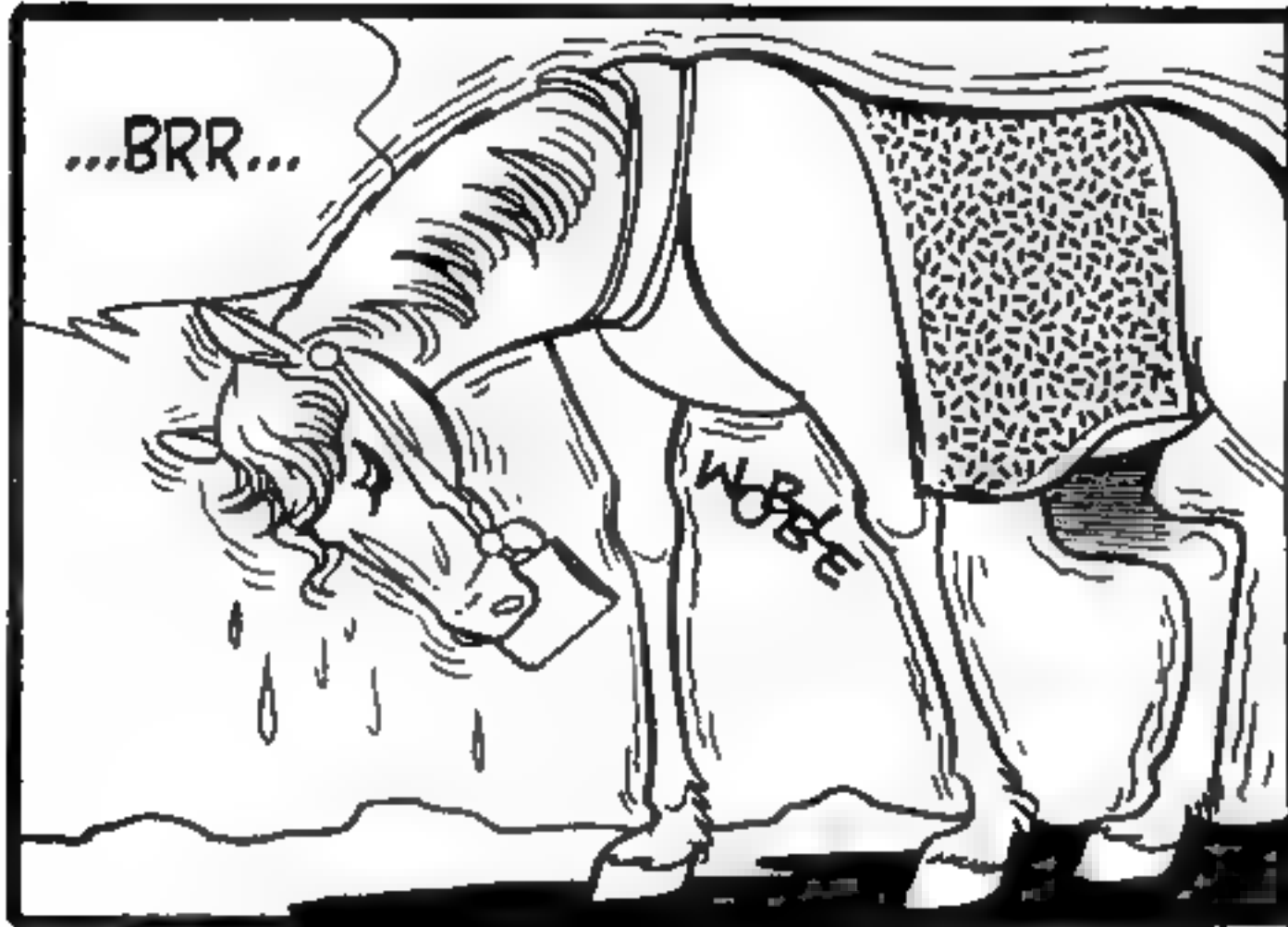












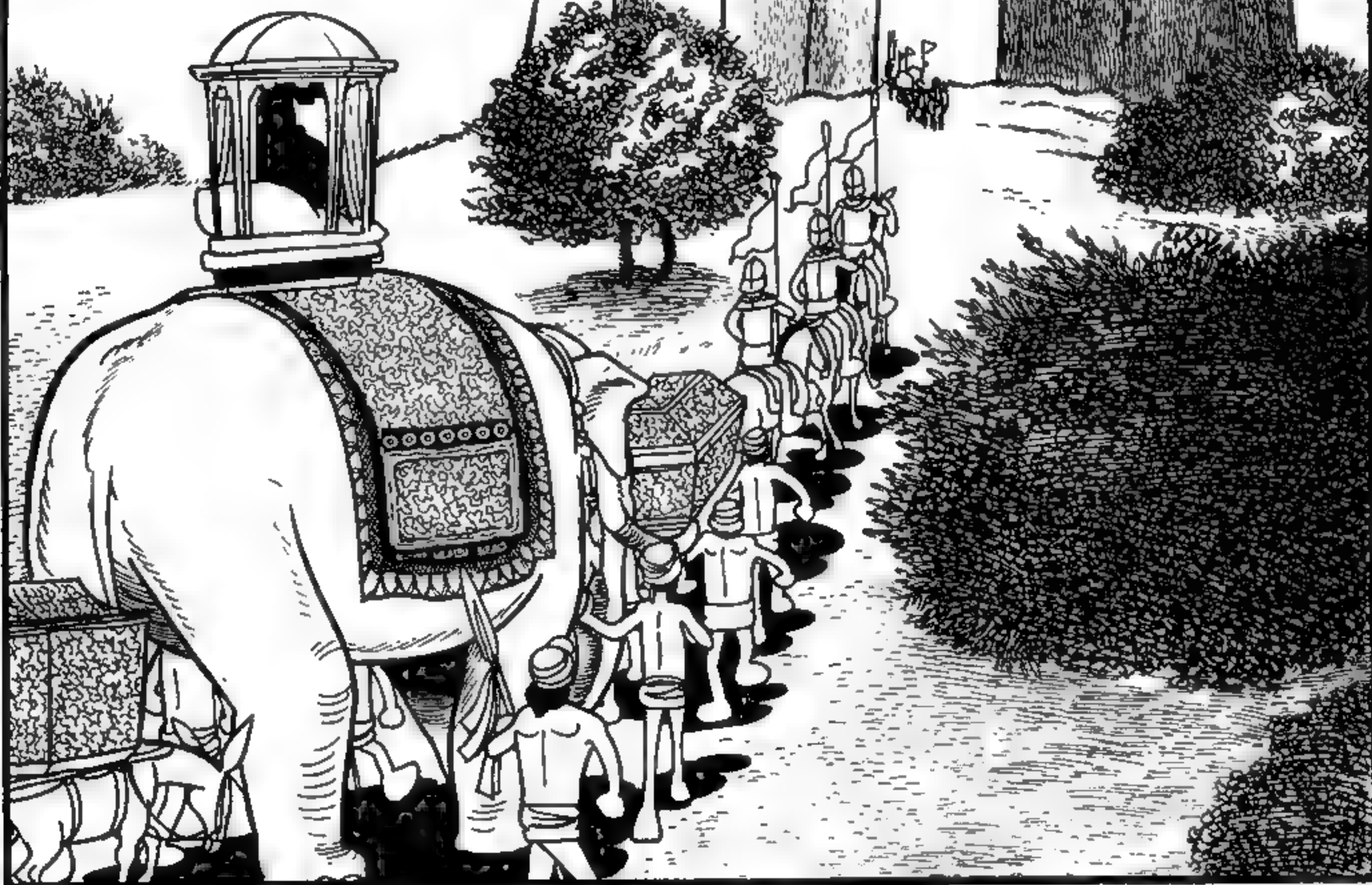




CHAPTER TEN

THE PROPHECY

THE BIRTH OF PRINCE
SIDDHARTHA DREW AN
ENDLESS LINE OF
WELL-WISHERS TO THE
KAPILAVASTU CASTLE.



EARKNOB
THE GREAT,
KING OF
NOWHERE,
HAILES THE
PRINCE!

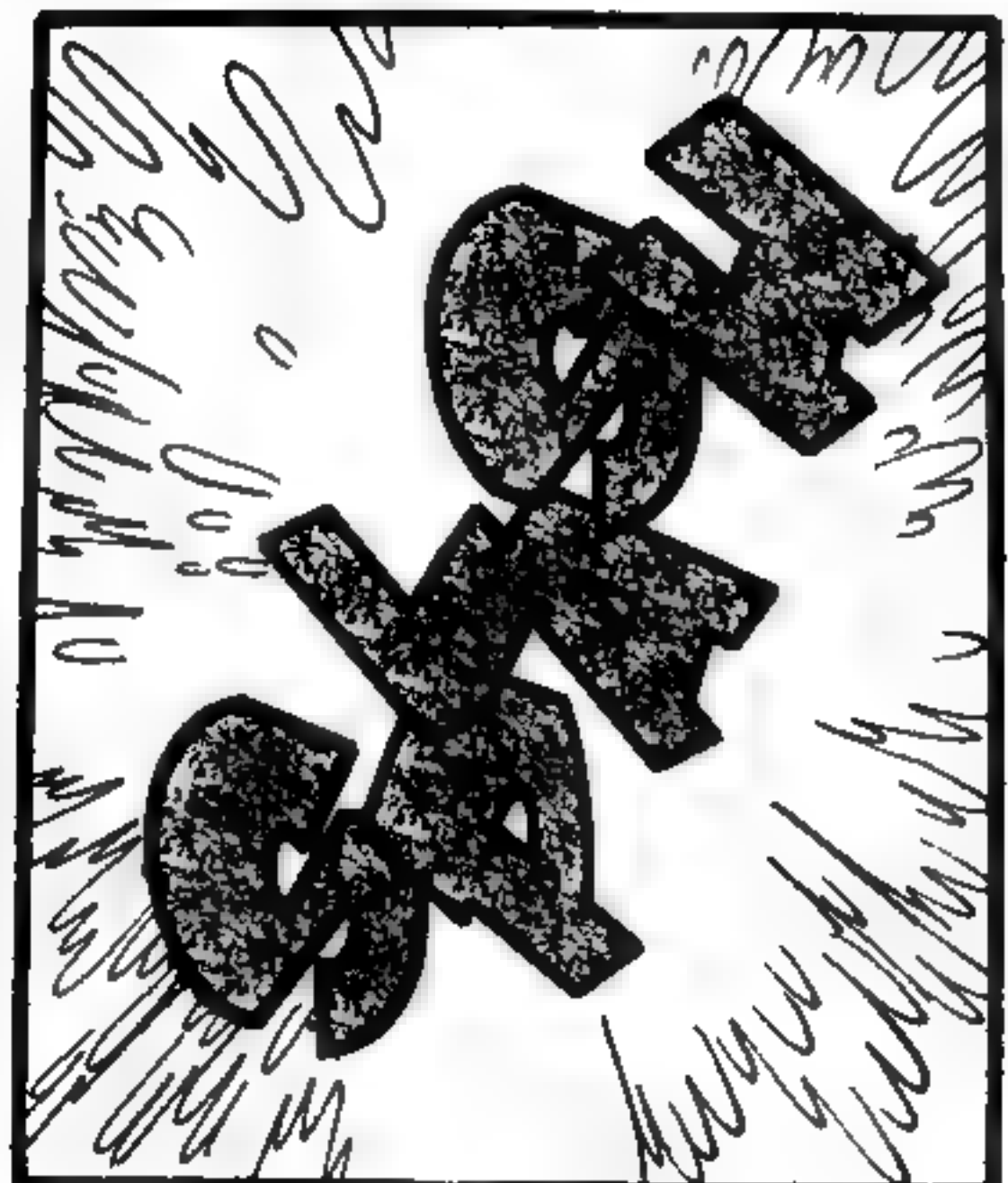


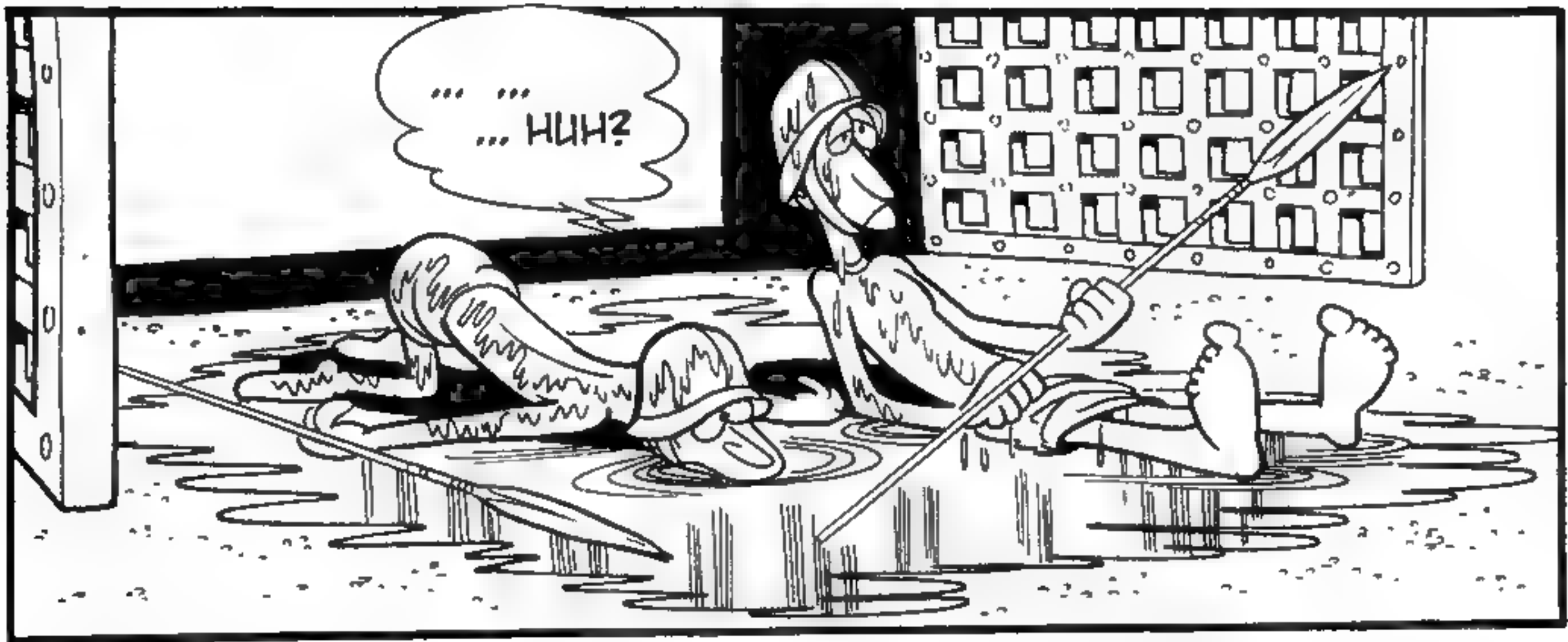
KING
FRAUD
OF
NOTALENT
IS HERE
WITH A
GIFT!

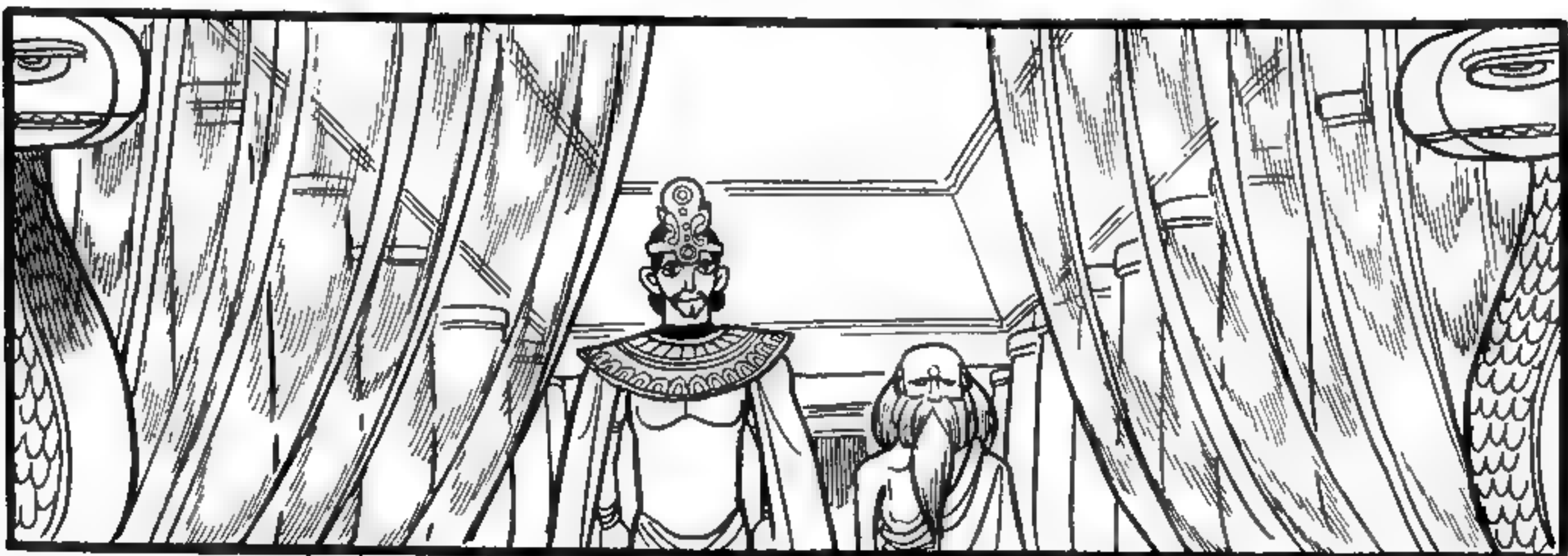
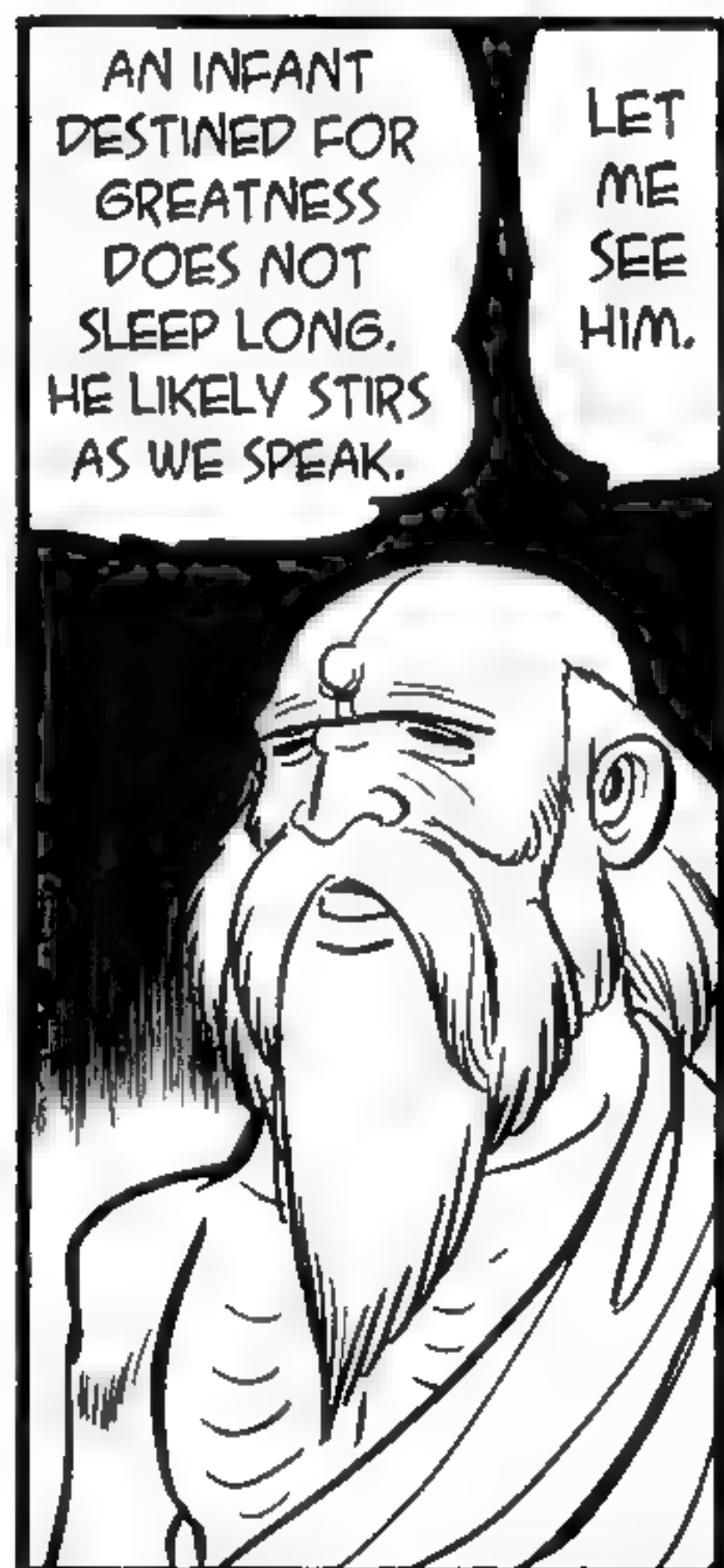


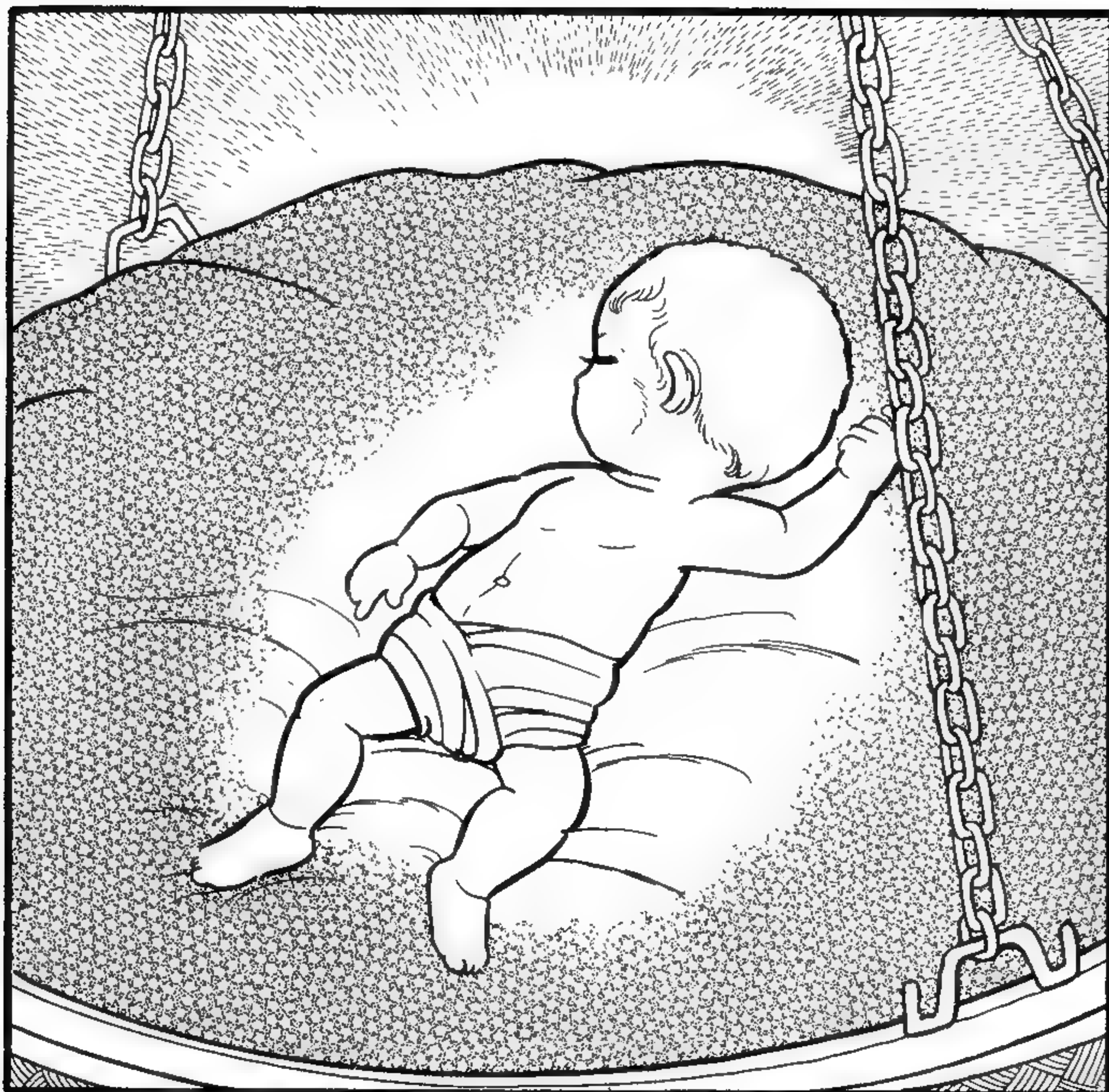
LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
WINDING
DOWN.

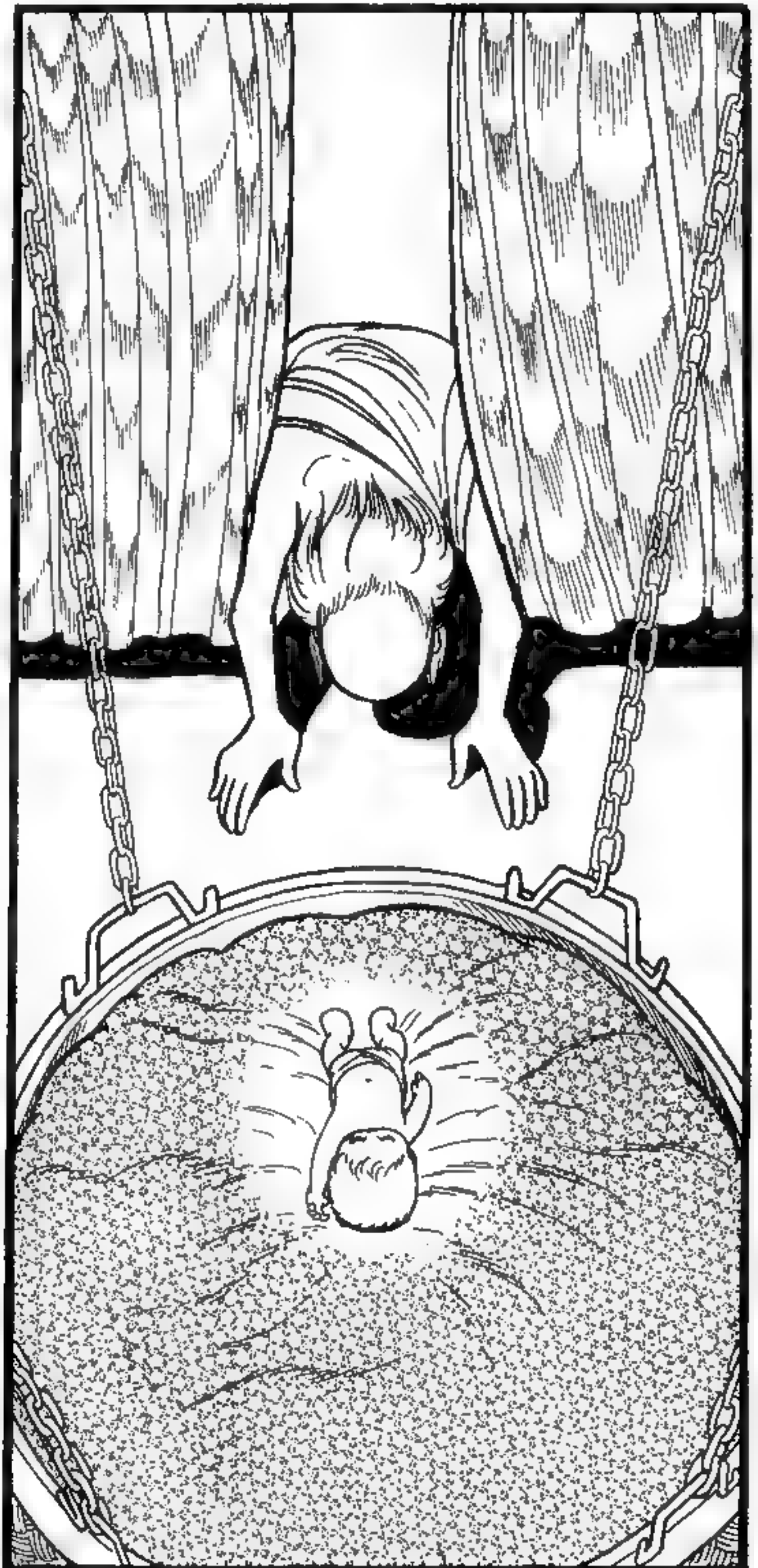
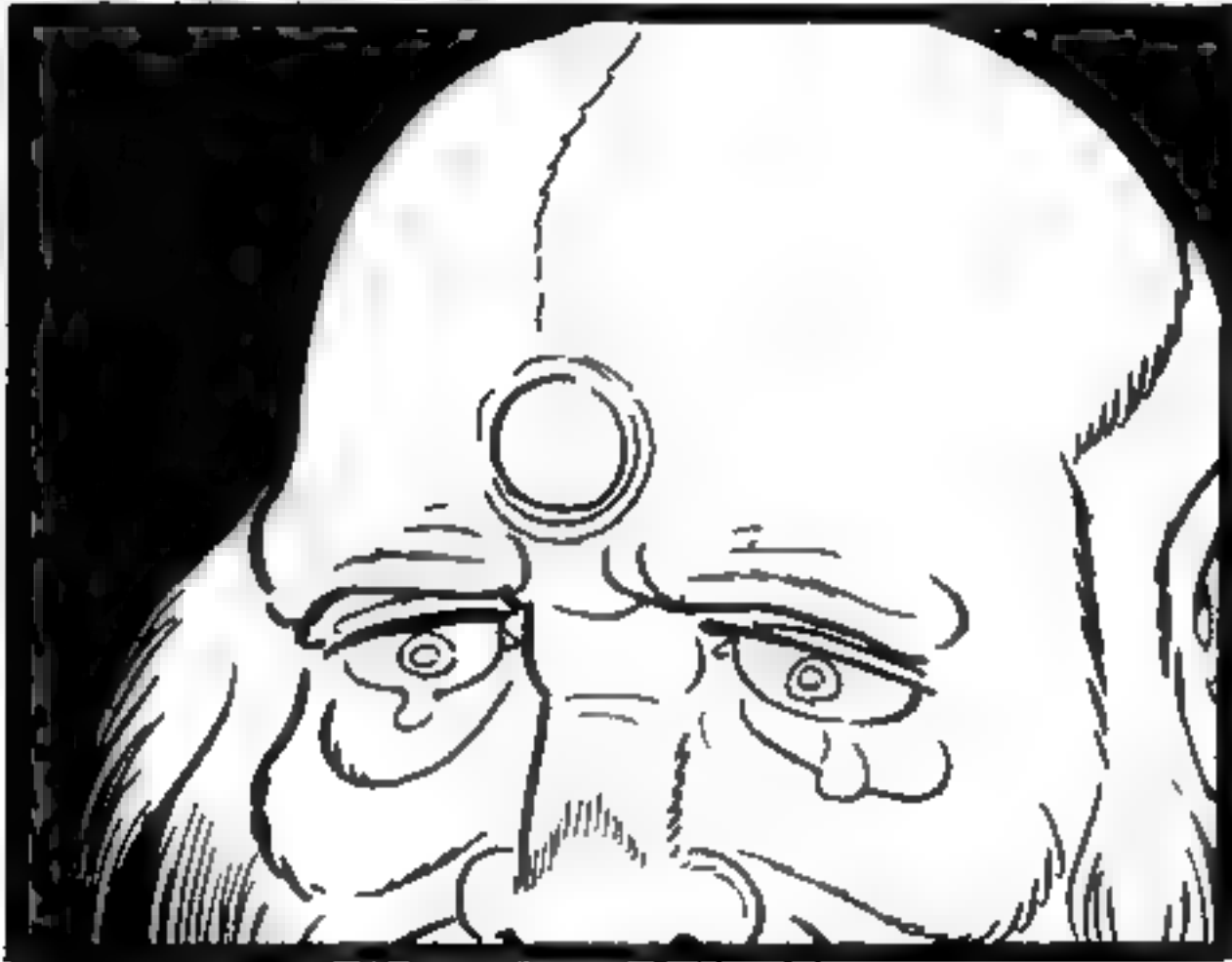


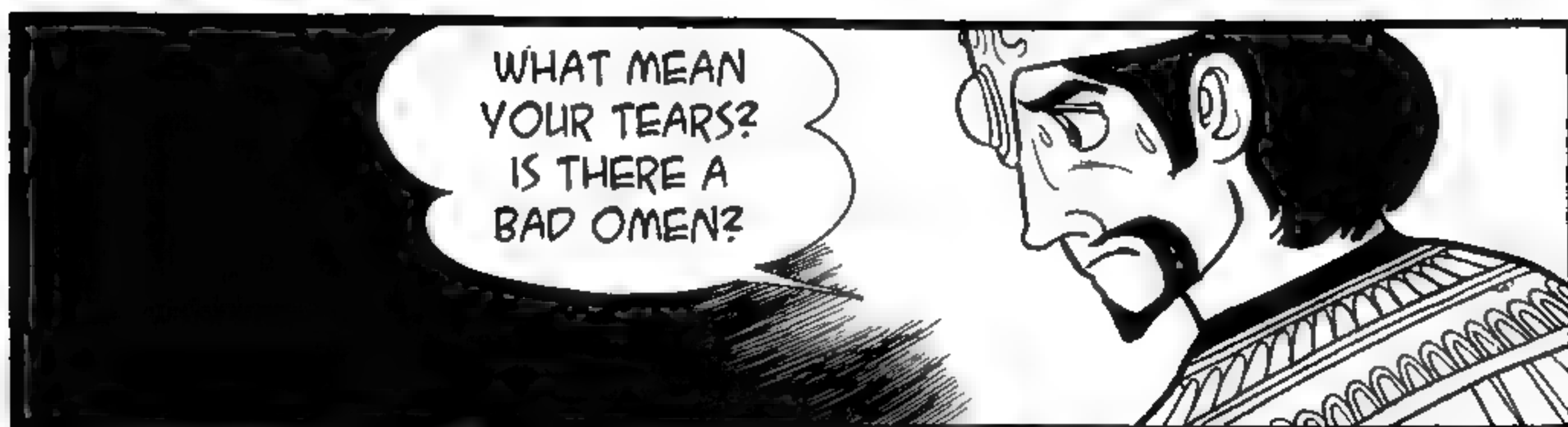


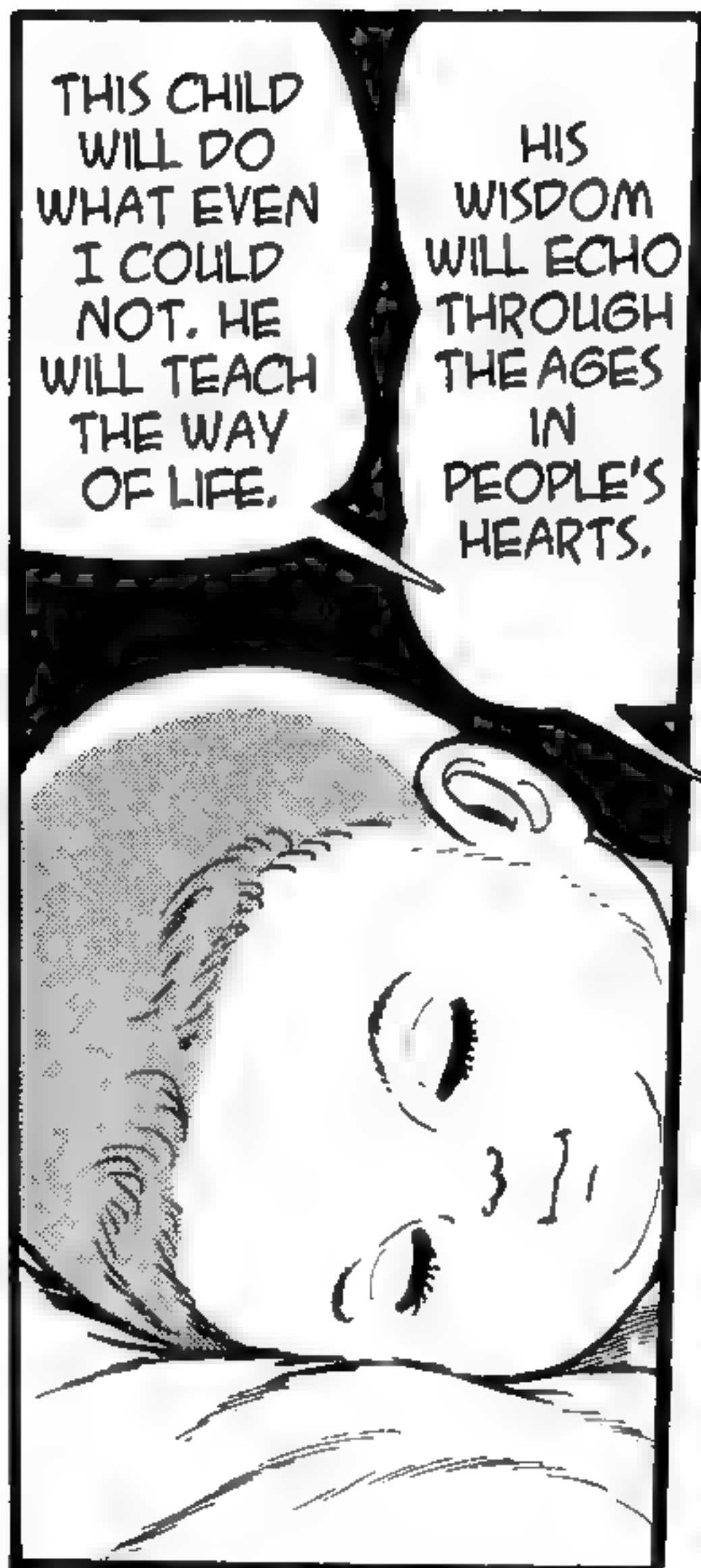






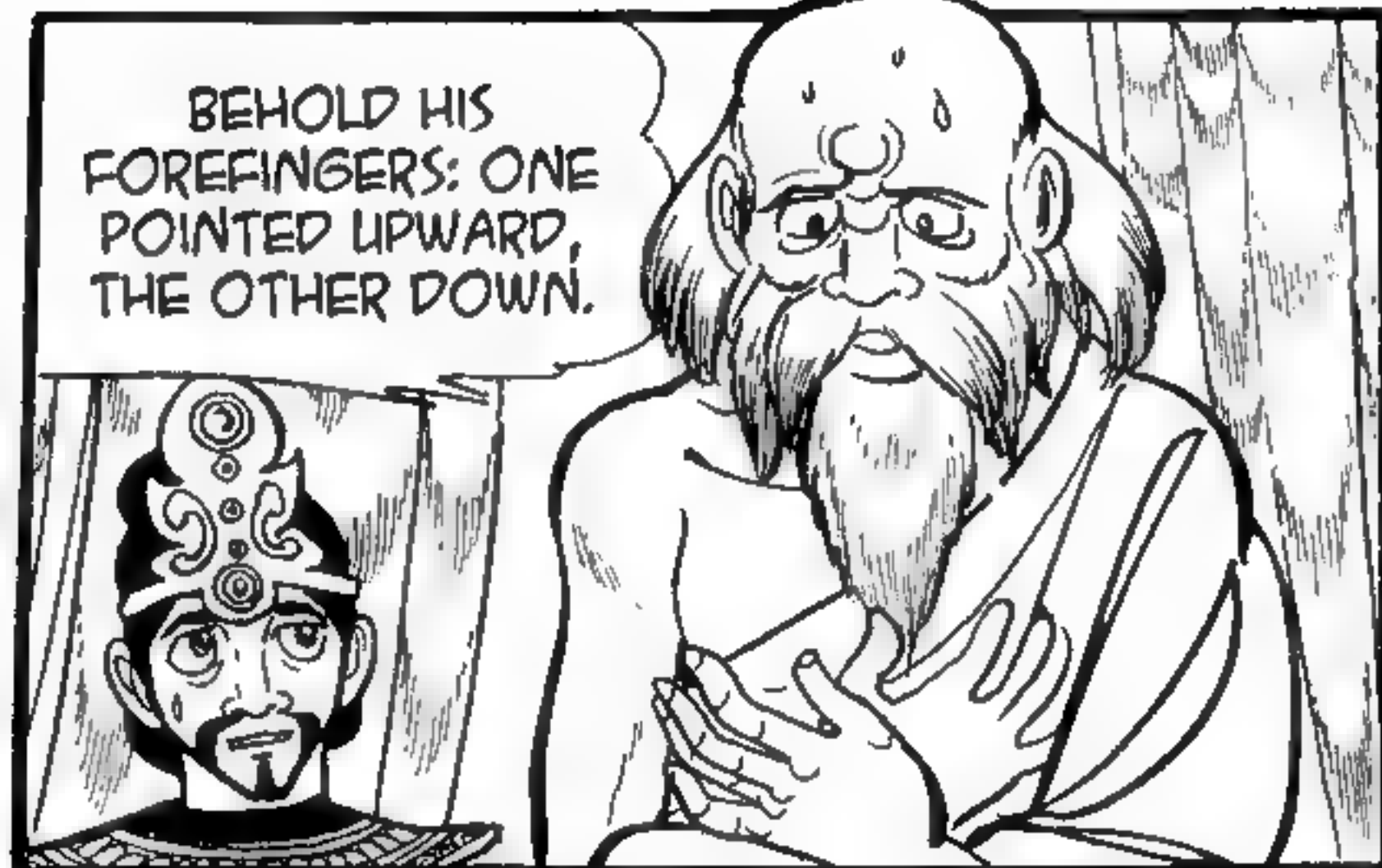






THIS CHILD
WILL DO
WHAT EVEN
I COULD
NOT. HE
WILL TEACH
THE WAY
OF LIFE.

HIS
WISDOM
WILL ECHO
THROUGH
THE AGES
IN
PEOPLE'S
HEARTS.



BEHOLD HIS
FOREFINGERS: ONE
POINTED UPWARD,
THE OTHER DOWN.



HE IS
CON-
VEYING
TO US
THAT...

NONE
EXISTS
GREATER
THAN
HE, ON
EARTH
OR IN
HEAVEN!



YOUR
WORDS
SCARE
ME...

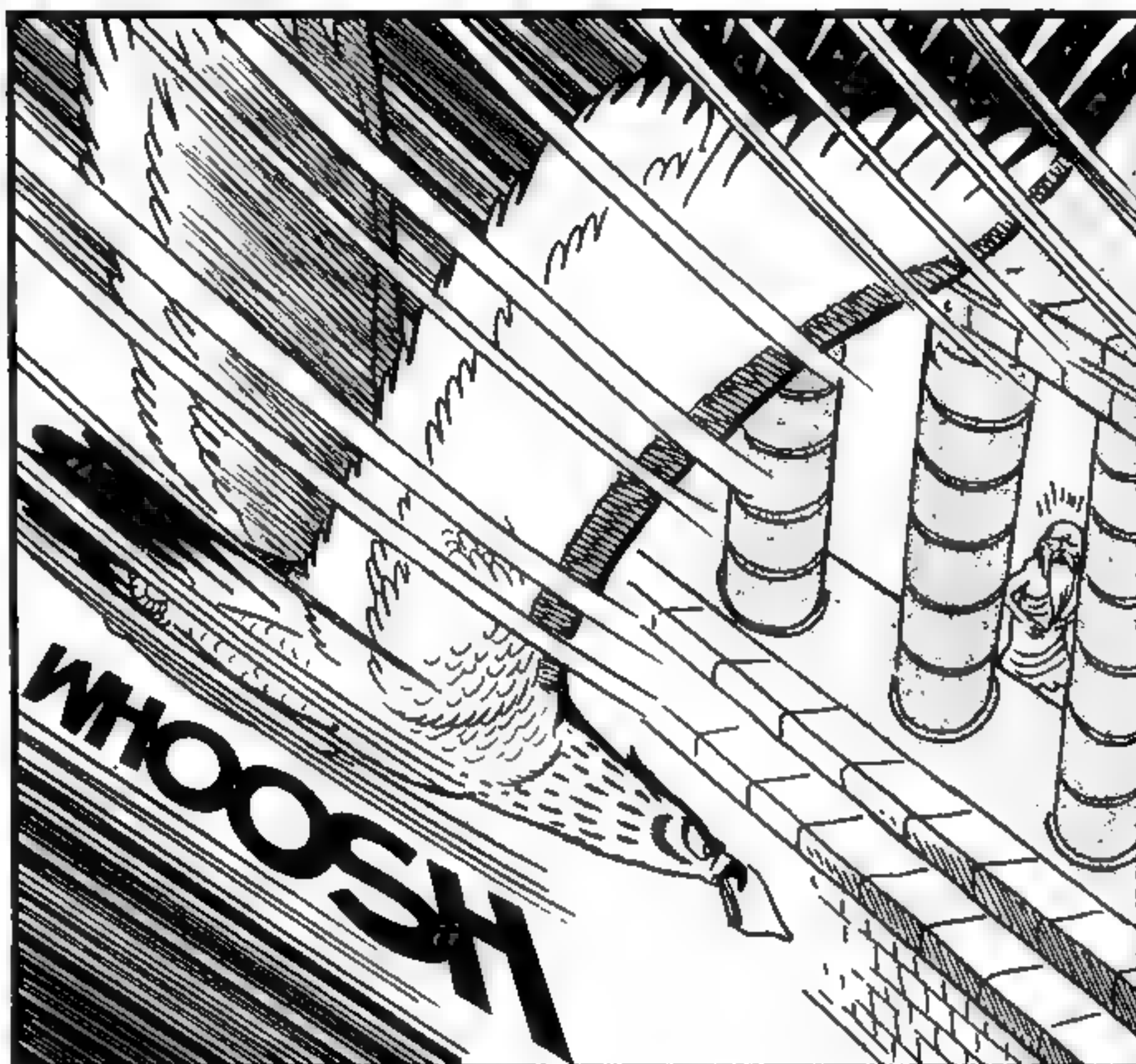


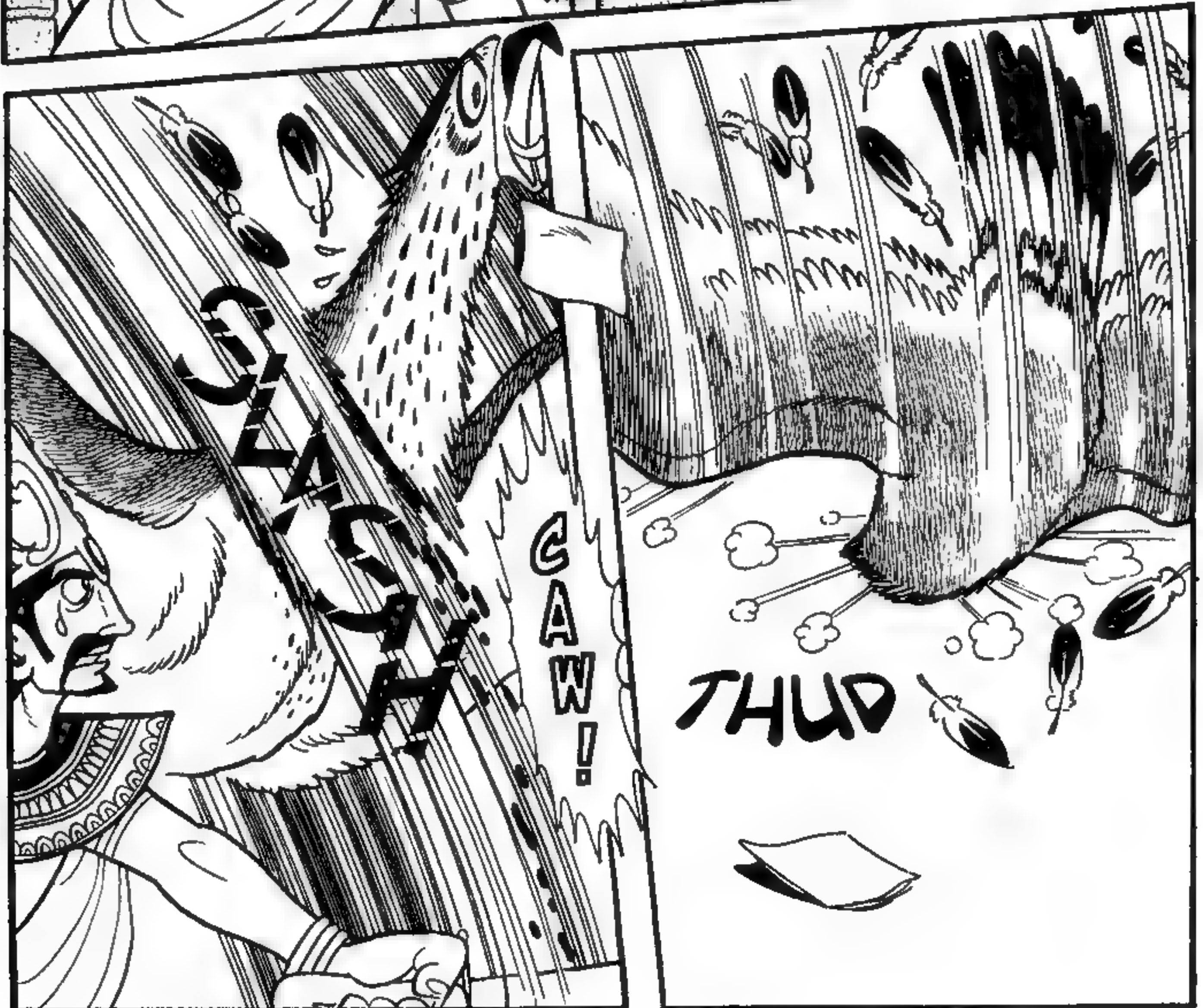
MASTER, I AM
NOT FIT TO
RAISE SUCH A
CHILD.

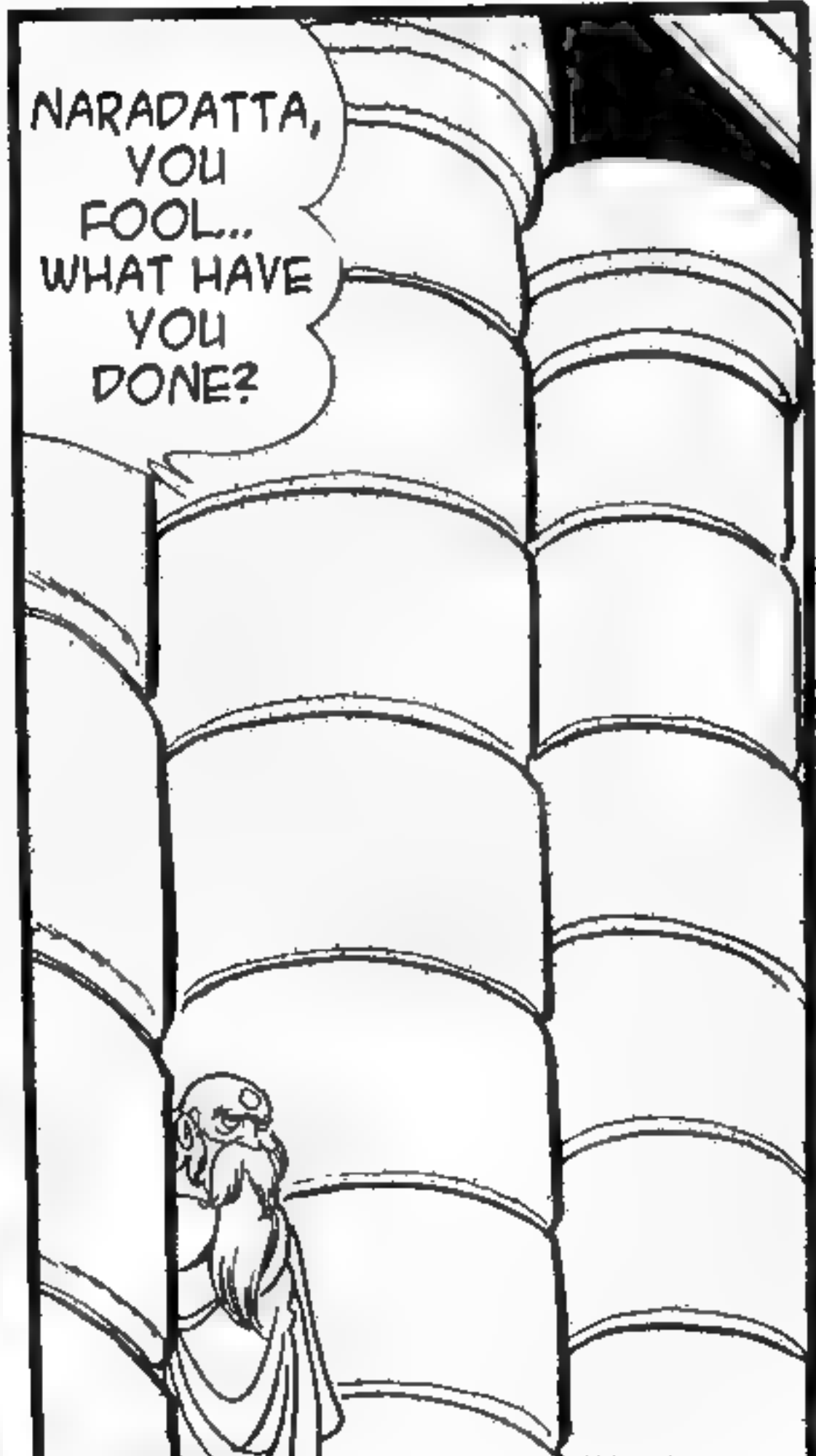
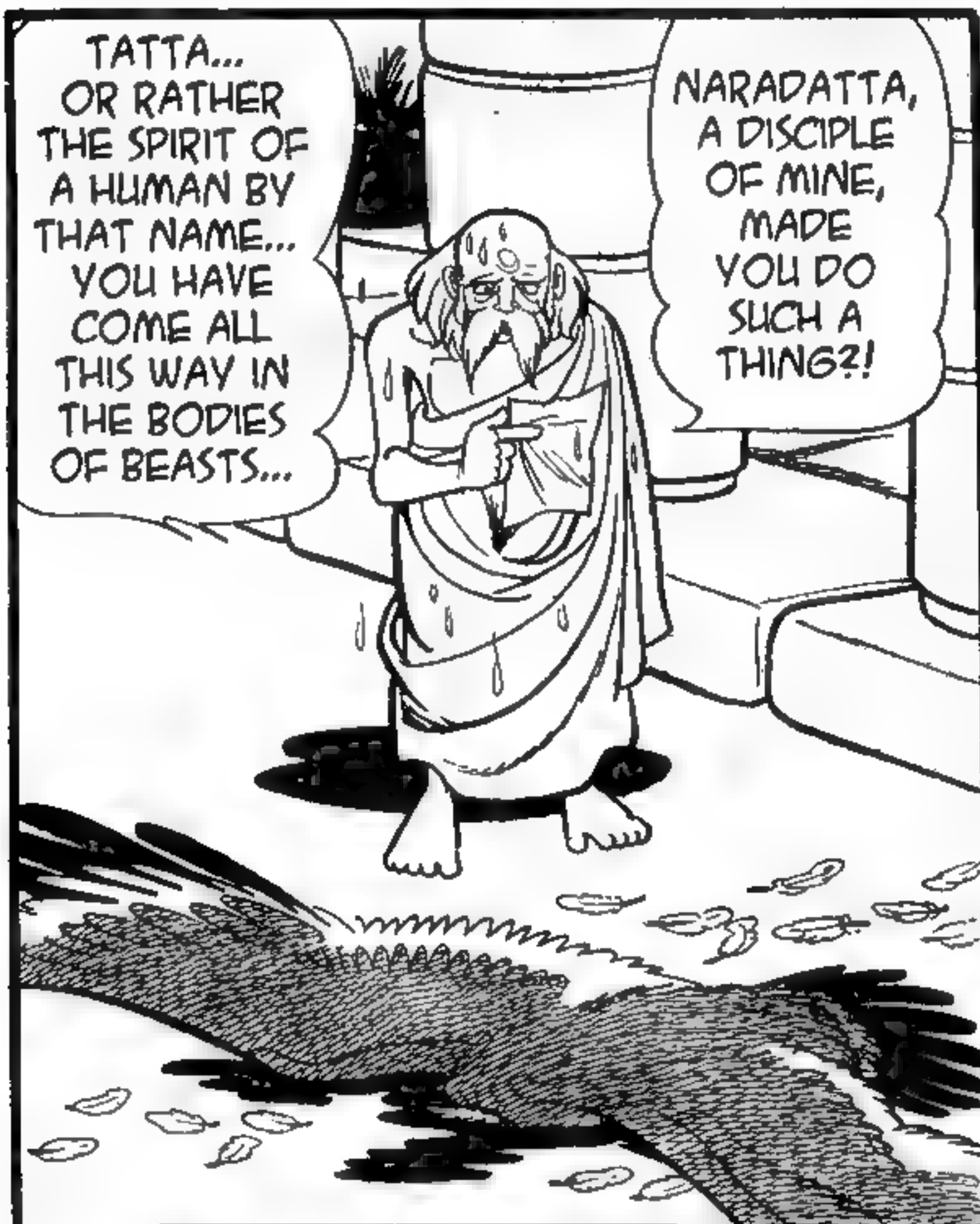
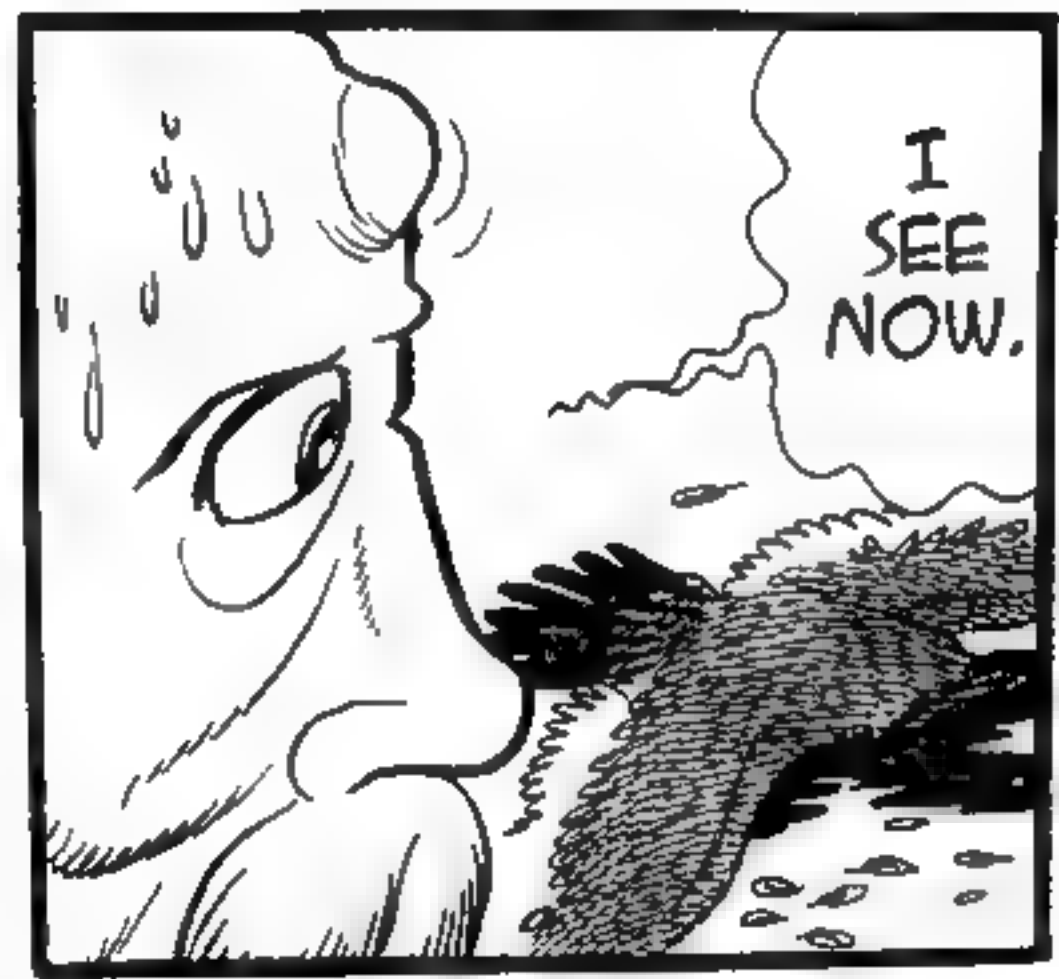
DO NOT WORRY...
RAISE HIM AS YOU
WOULD ANY
PRINCE. YOU NEVER
NEED REPEAT WHAT
I HAVE SPOKEN
TO YOU.

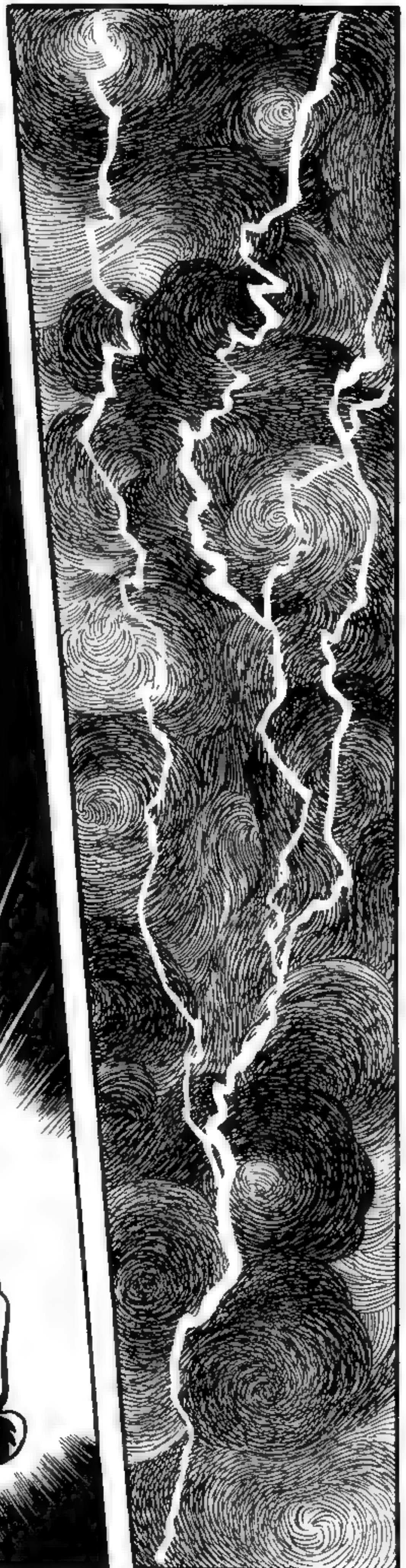
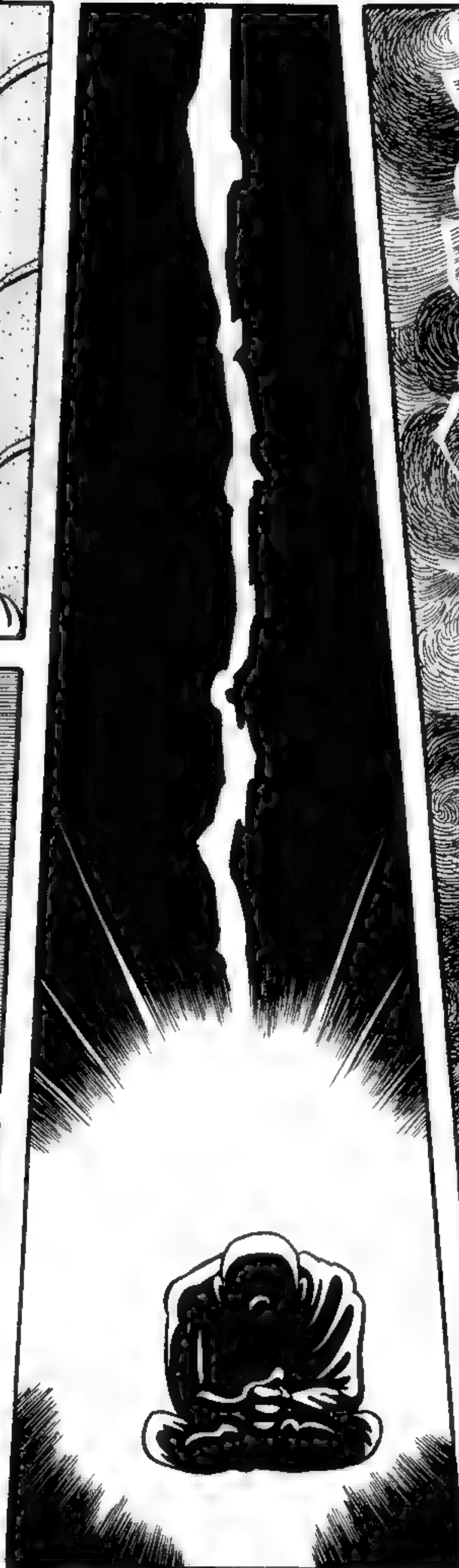


WHEN HE IS
READY, HE
HIMSELF
WILL SET OUT
ON HIS TRUE
PATH.











THE SAINT ASITA'S SOUL SHOT
ACROSS THE HEAVENS LIKE A
BOLT OF ELECTRICITY,
TRAVELING HUNDREDS OF MILES.
SIMILAR TO WHAT WE CALL
TELEPATHY, THE ARCANES
ART SENT A MESSAGE
TO SOMEONE FAR AWAY.





NARADATTA

IT IS I,
ASITA.

YOU SENT ME
A MESSENGER,
TATTA BY
NAME, HAVE
YOU NOT?



WHAT
FOLLY!
LISTEN WELL,
YOU DUNCE!

TO SAVE JUST
ONE HUMAN, YOU
MINDLESSLY HARNESSSED
NUMEROUS BEASTS
TO AN IMPOSSIBLE
TASK...

AND KILLED
THEM ONE BY
ONE! THE BEASTS
YOU BENT TO
YOUR PURPOSE ALL
SUFFERED GREATLY
AND DIED CRUELLY!



YOU BELIEVE THAT
HUMAN LIVES ARE
SACROSANCT WHILE
ANIMAL LIVES ARE
WORTHLESS?!

B-B-BUT
I'VE SAVED
CHAPRA!

YOU SAVED
HIM, BUT THE
BEASTS THAT
YOU SACRIFICED
FOR HIS SAKE
ARE NOW
BEYOND
SAVING.

LIFE IS
SACRED
WHETHER
OR NOT IT
IS HUMAN!



MASTER
ASITA!
I HAVE
ACTED
RASHLY...

NARADATTA,
YOU MUST BE
PUNISHED
FOR THIS.

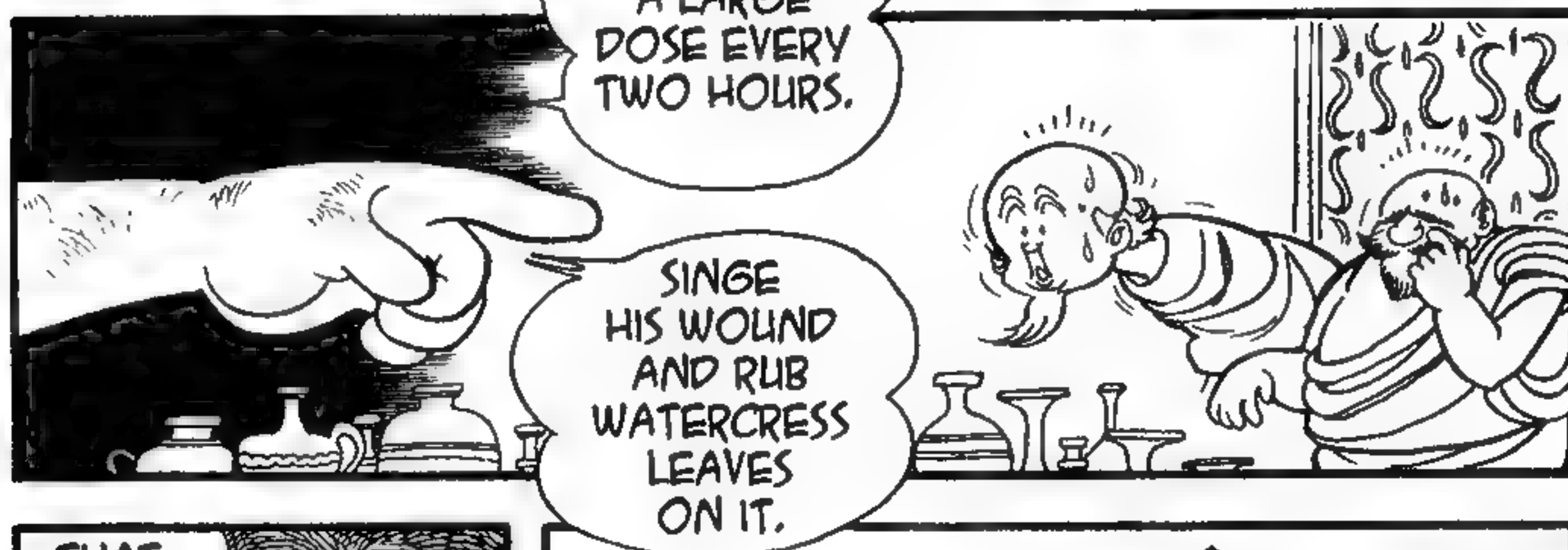


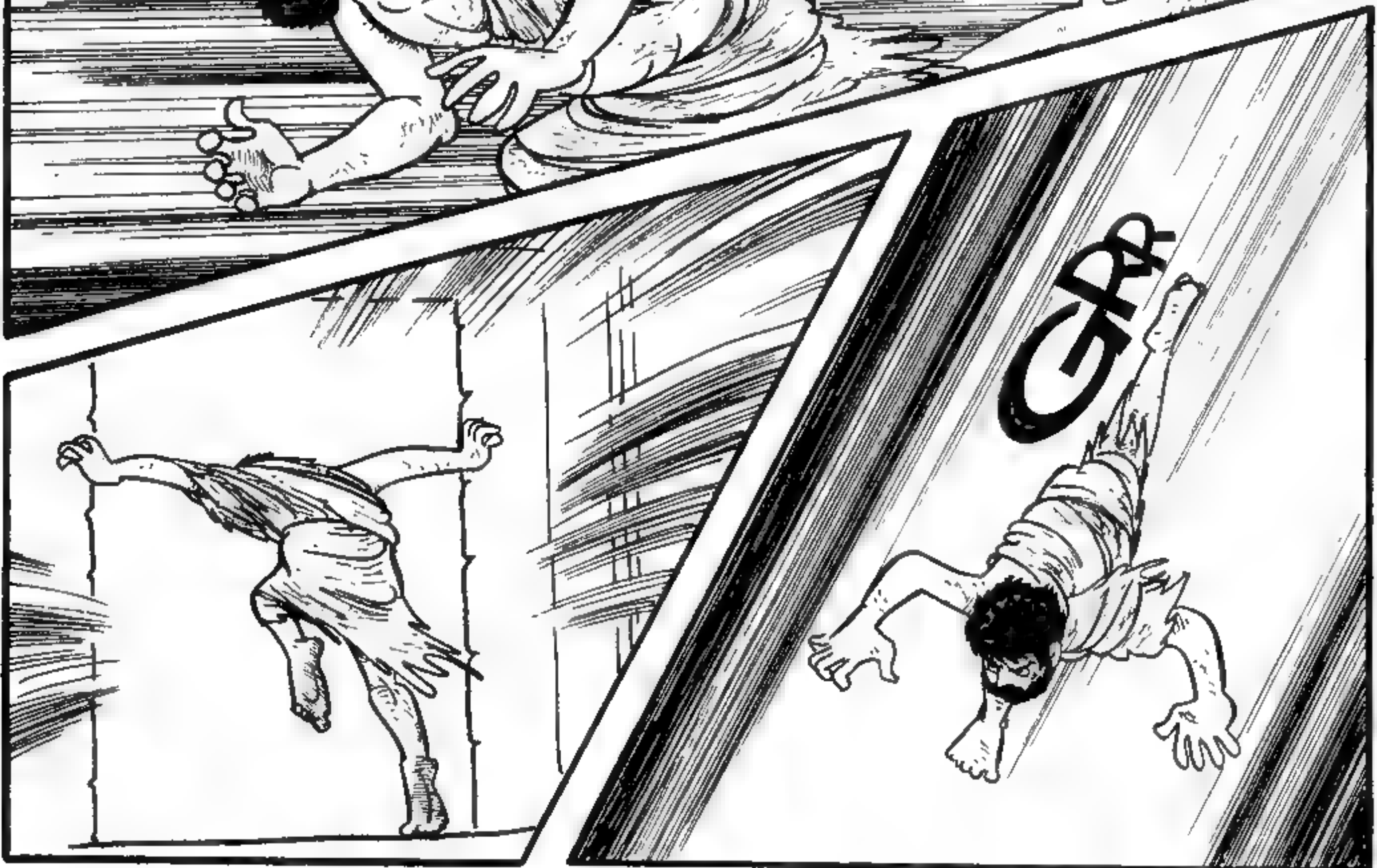
FORGIVE
ME,
MASTER...

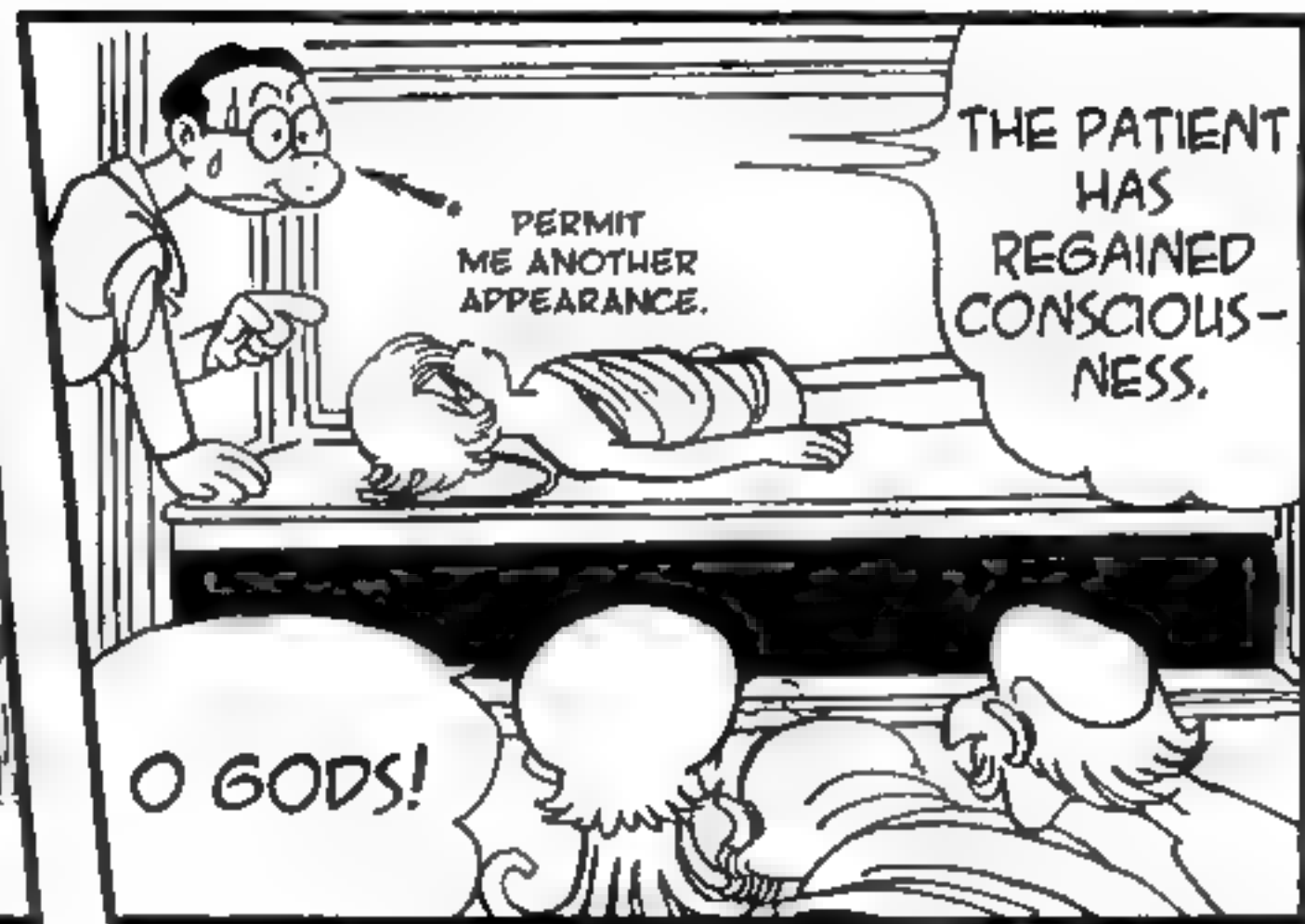
NO. NOT
UNTIL YOU
TRULY
RECOGNIZE
YOUR ERROR
AND HAVE
REPENTED...

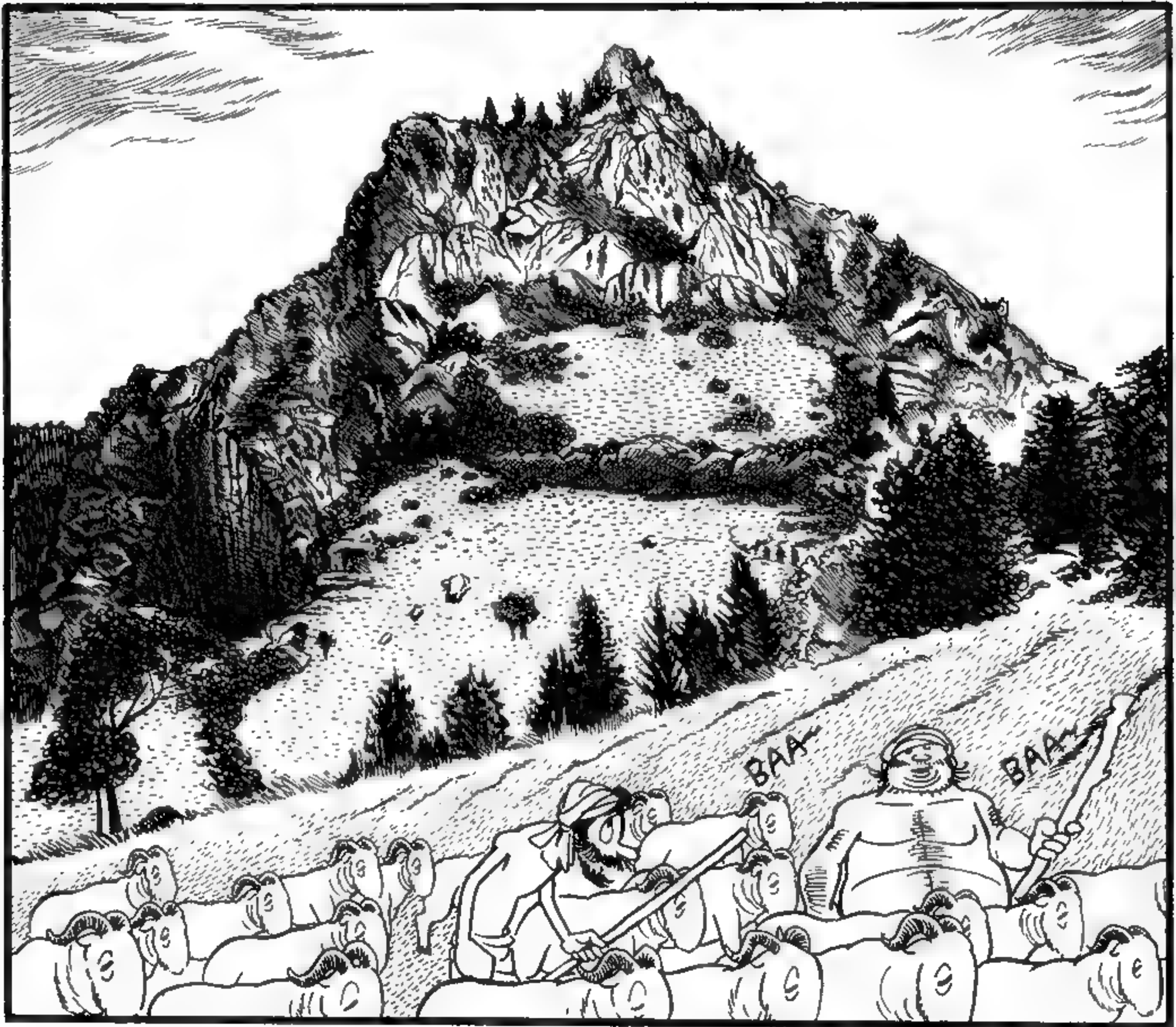
UNTIL THEN
YOU SHALL
FOLLOW
THE WAY OF
BEASTS AND
WANDER THE
WILDS
A BRUTE!

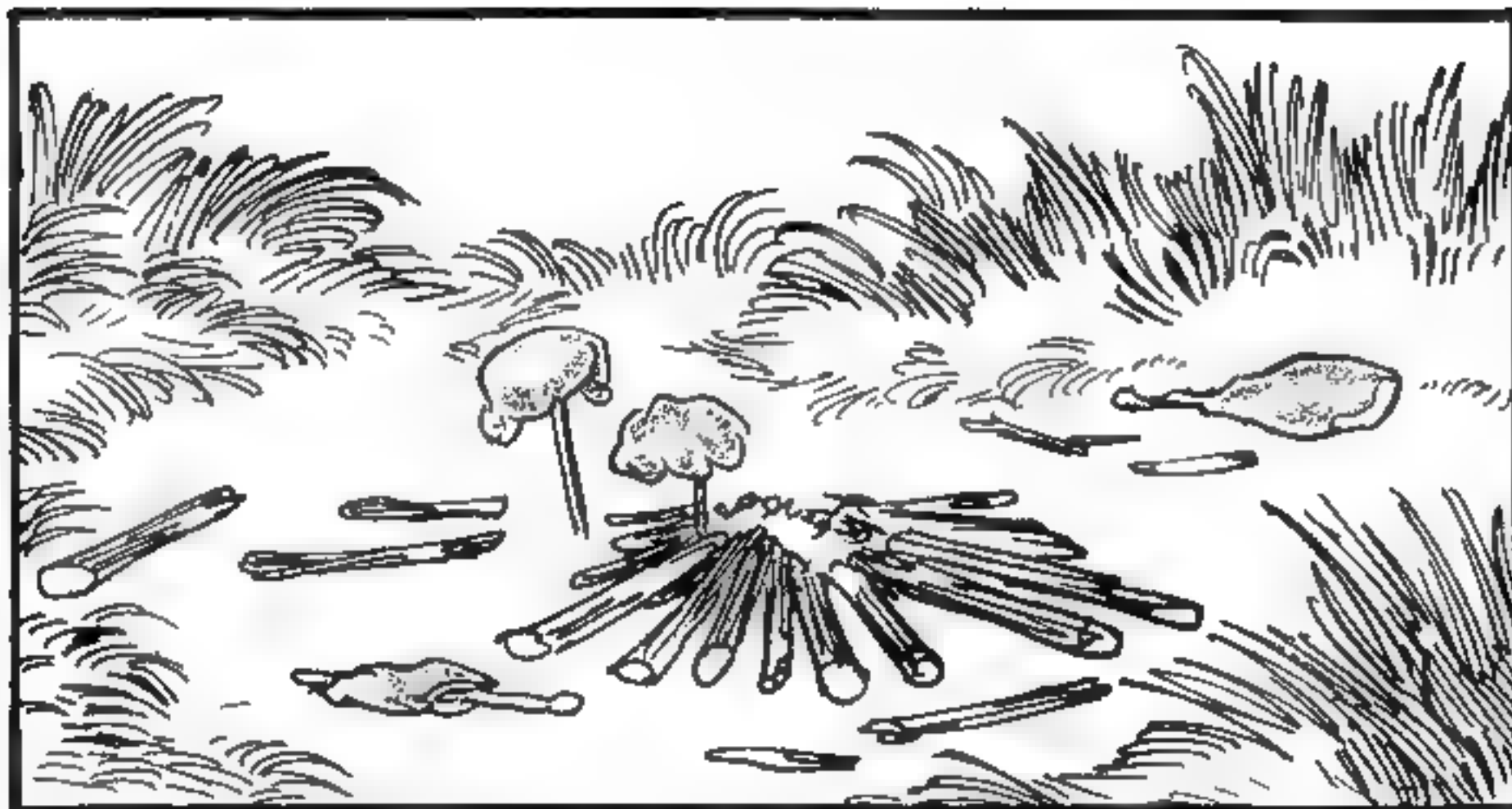






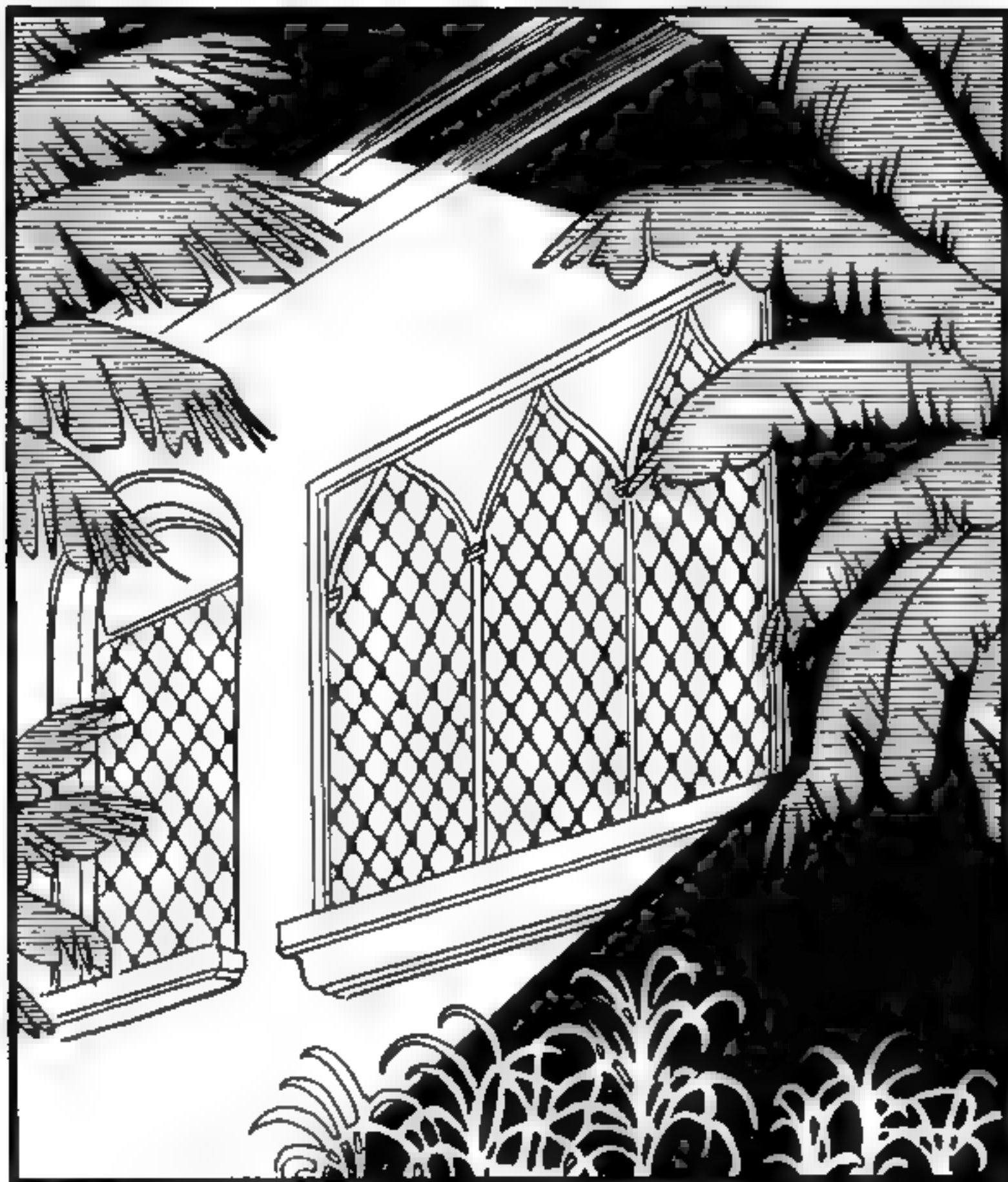


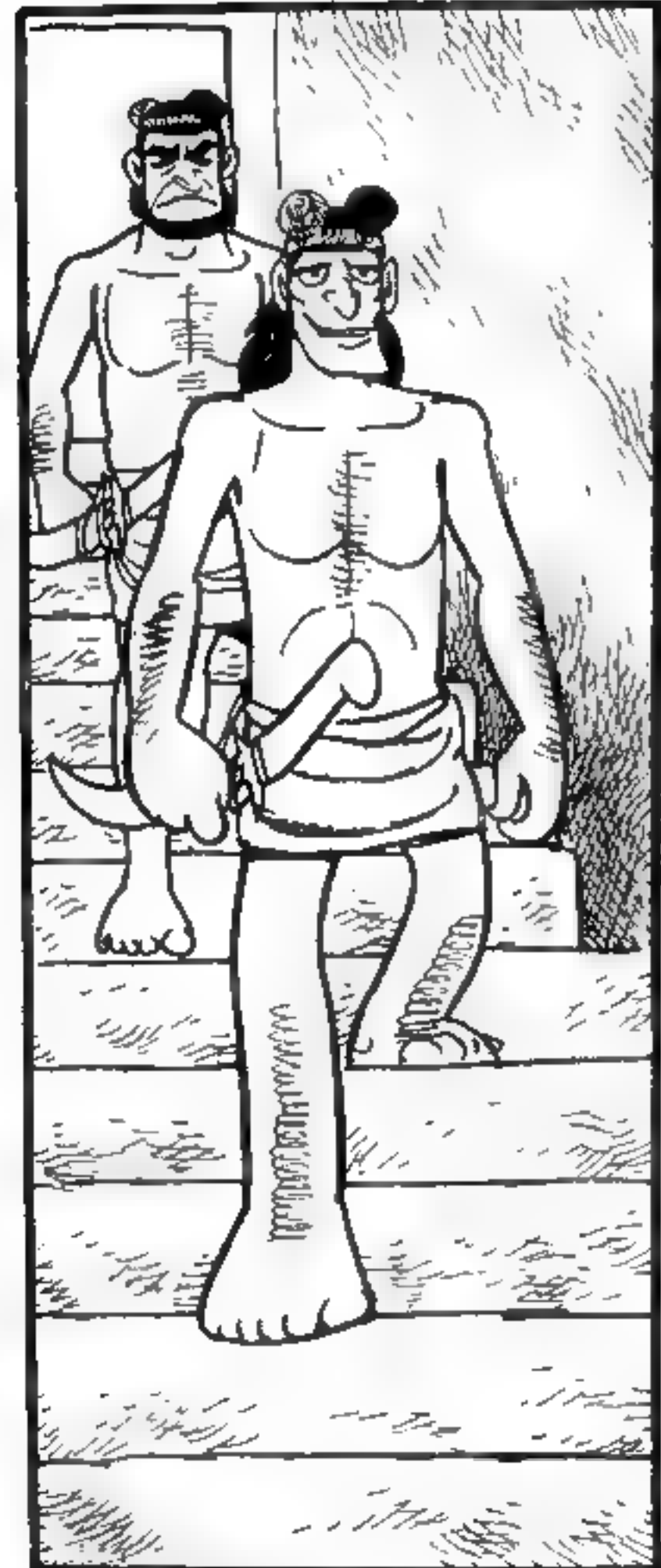
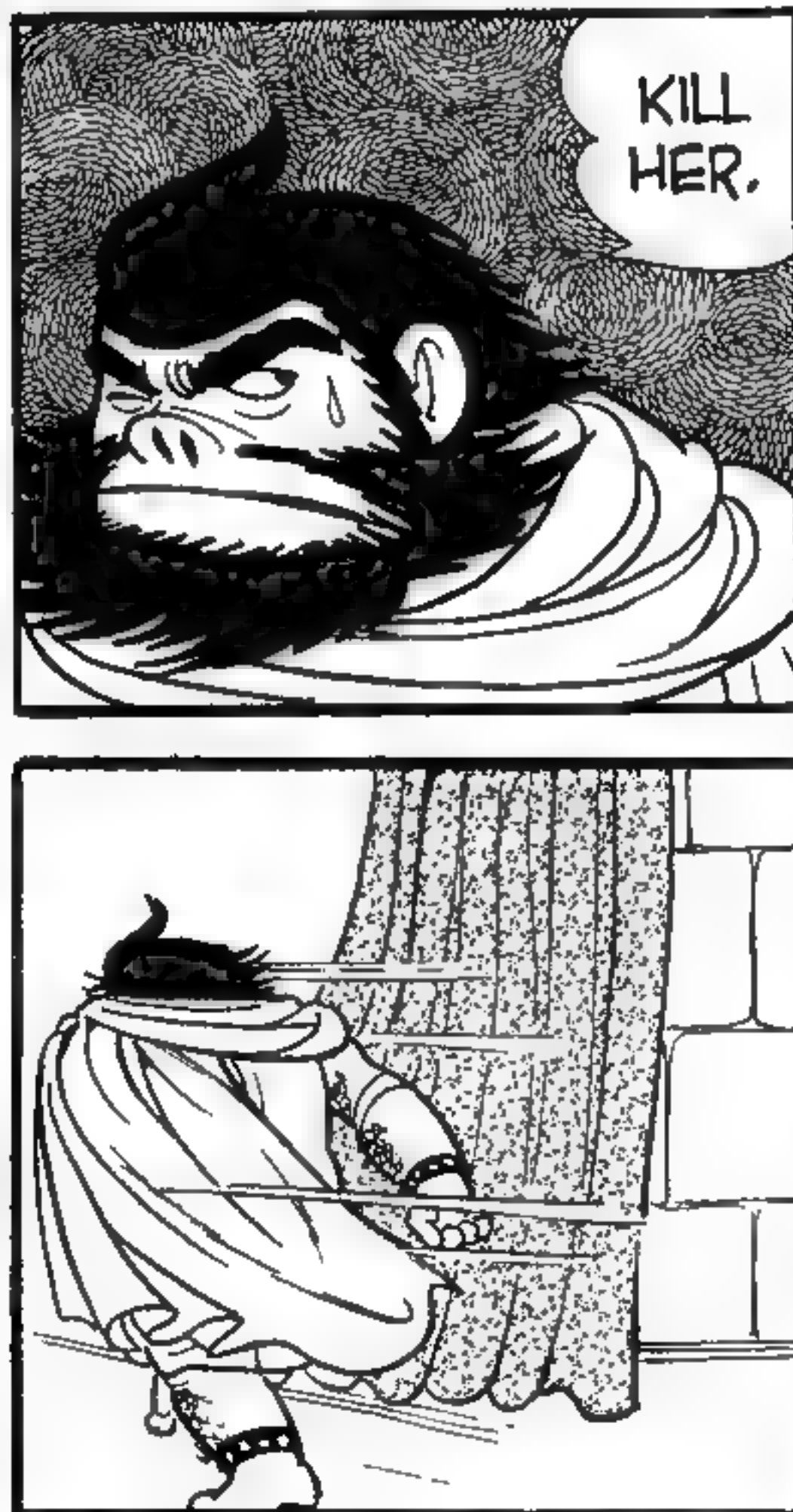
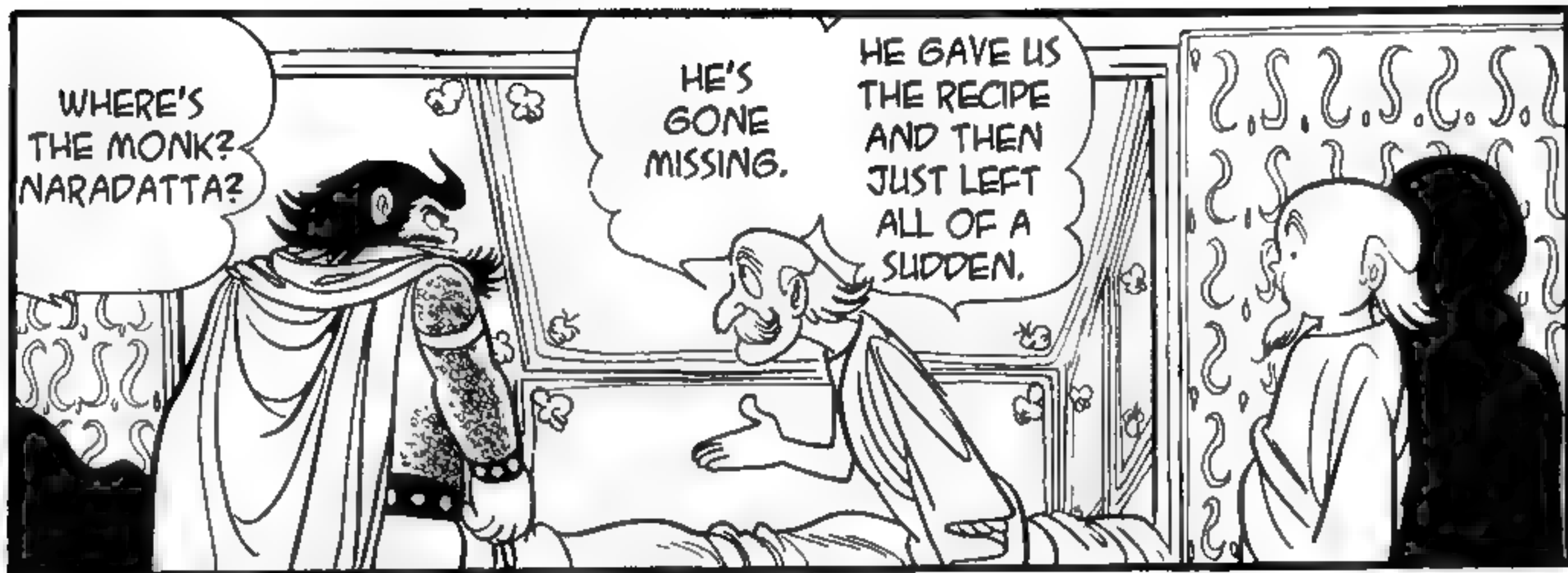


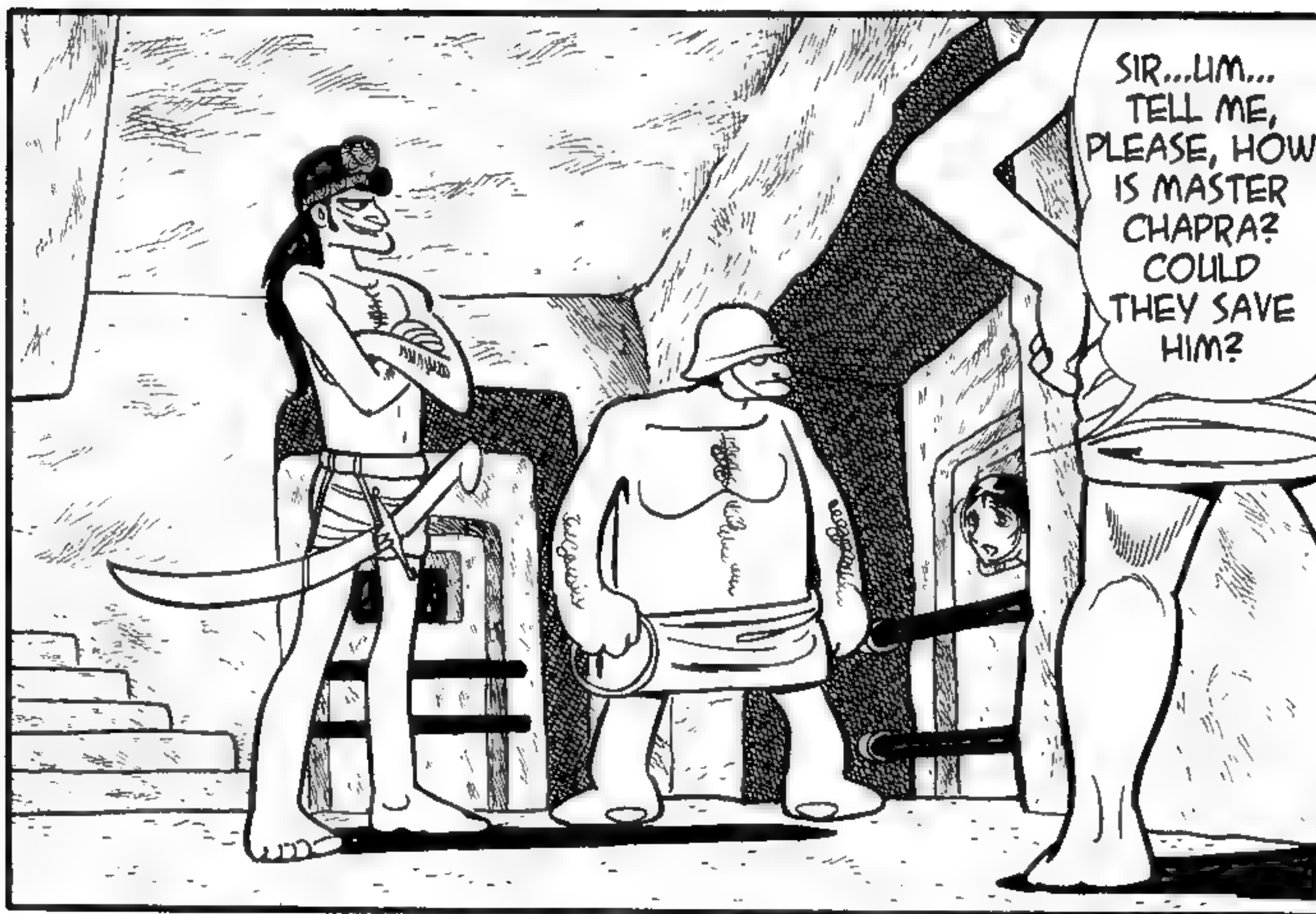
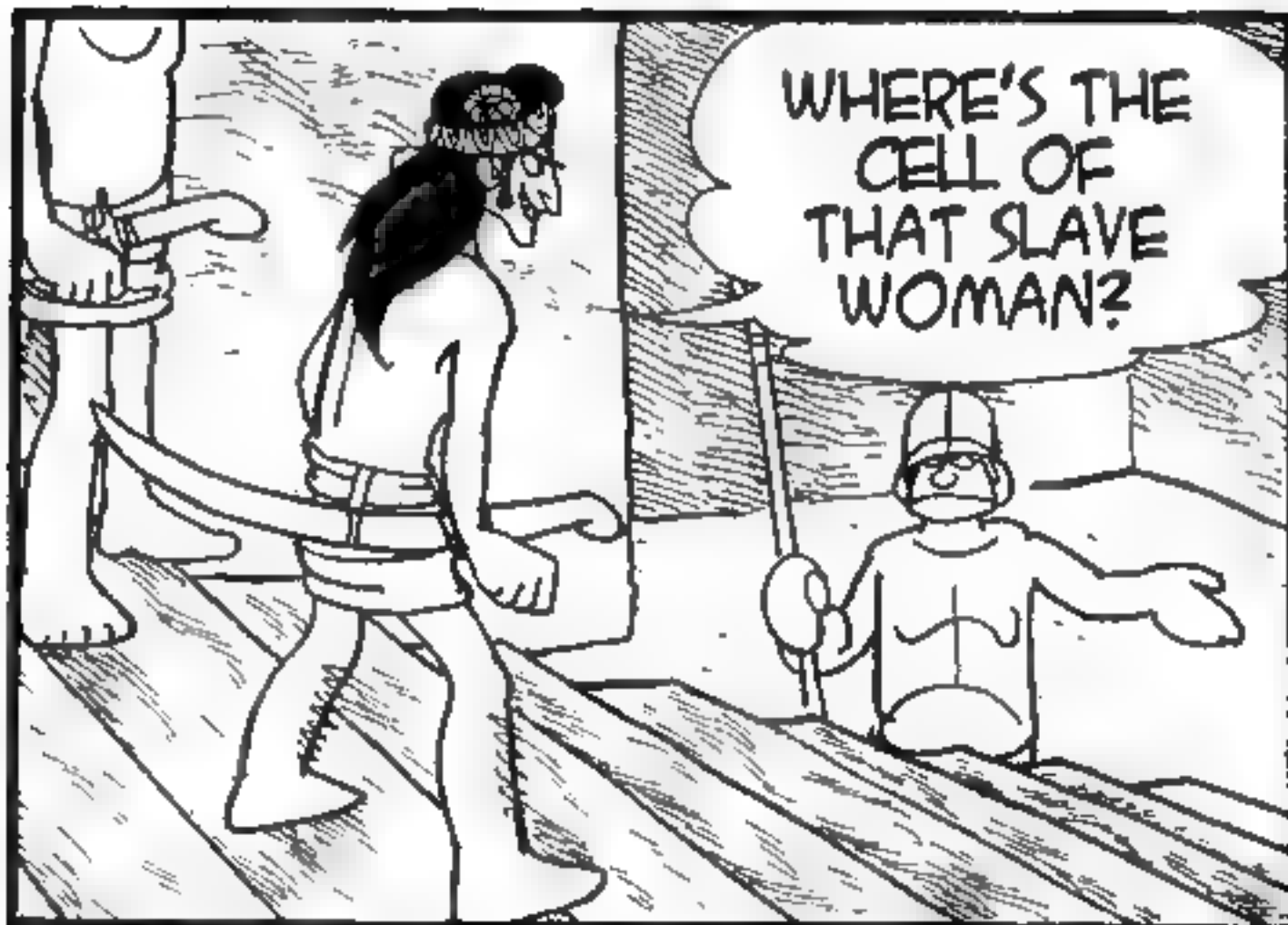


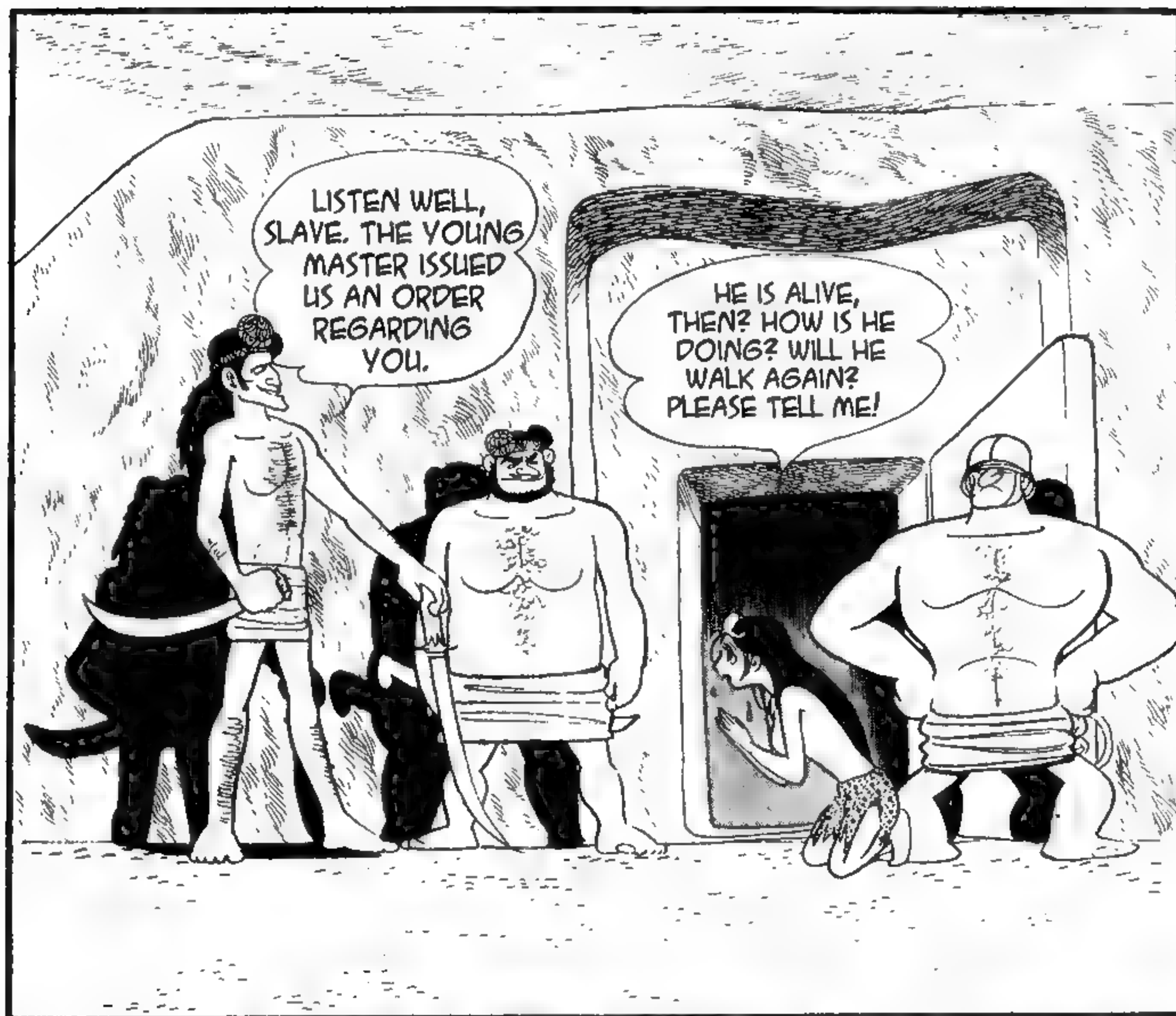
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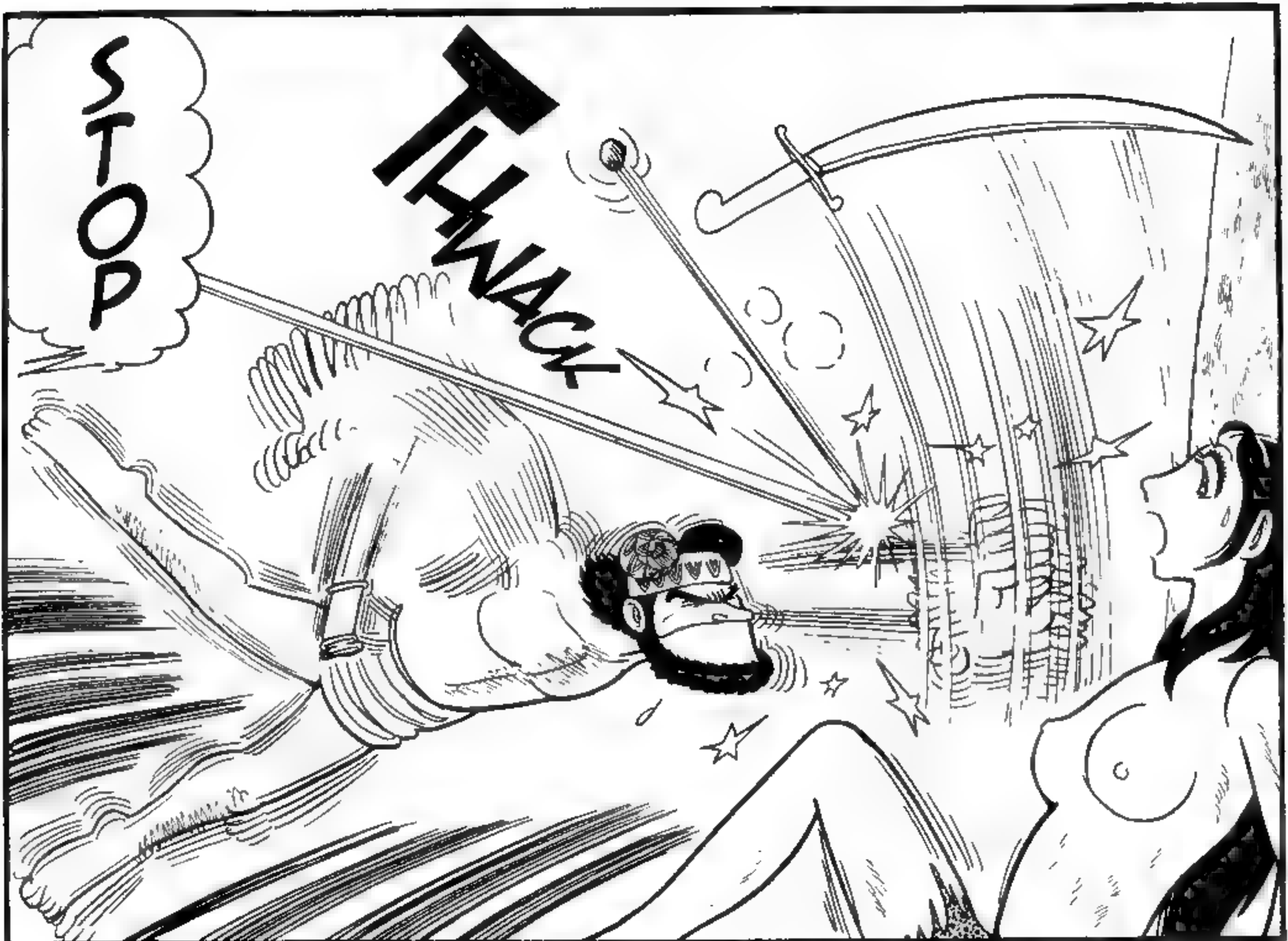
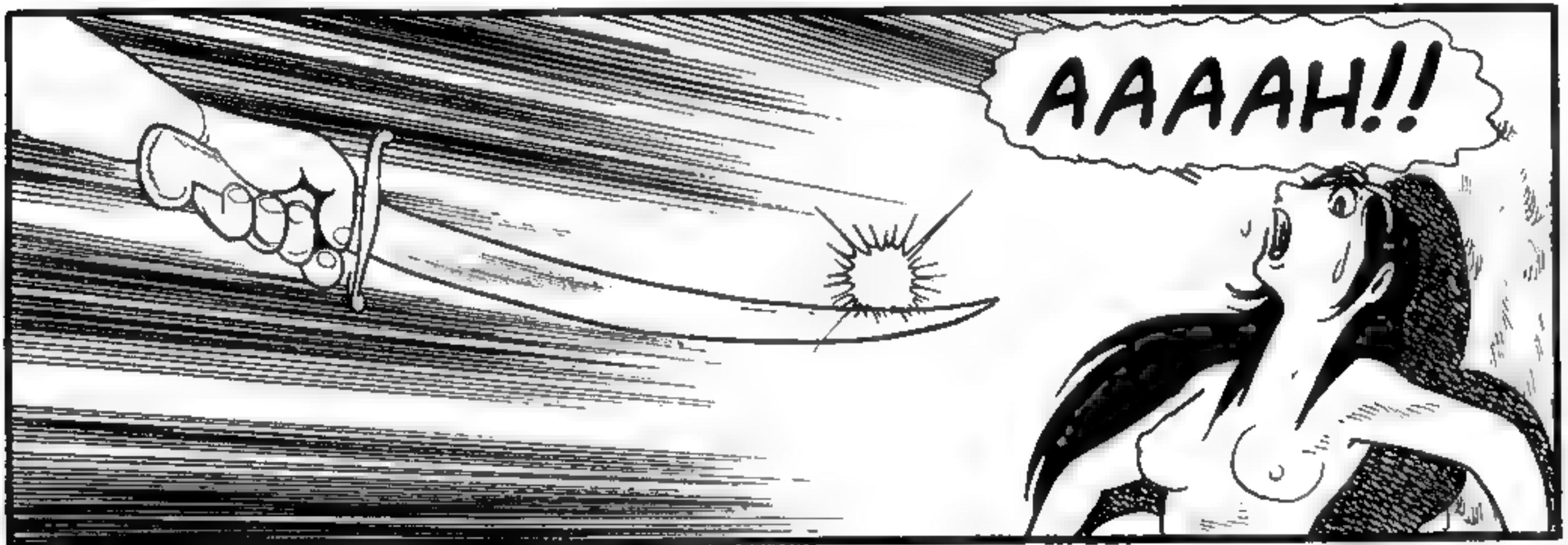
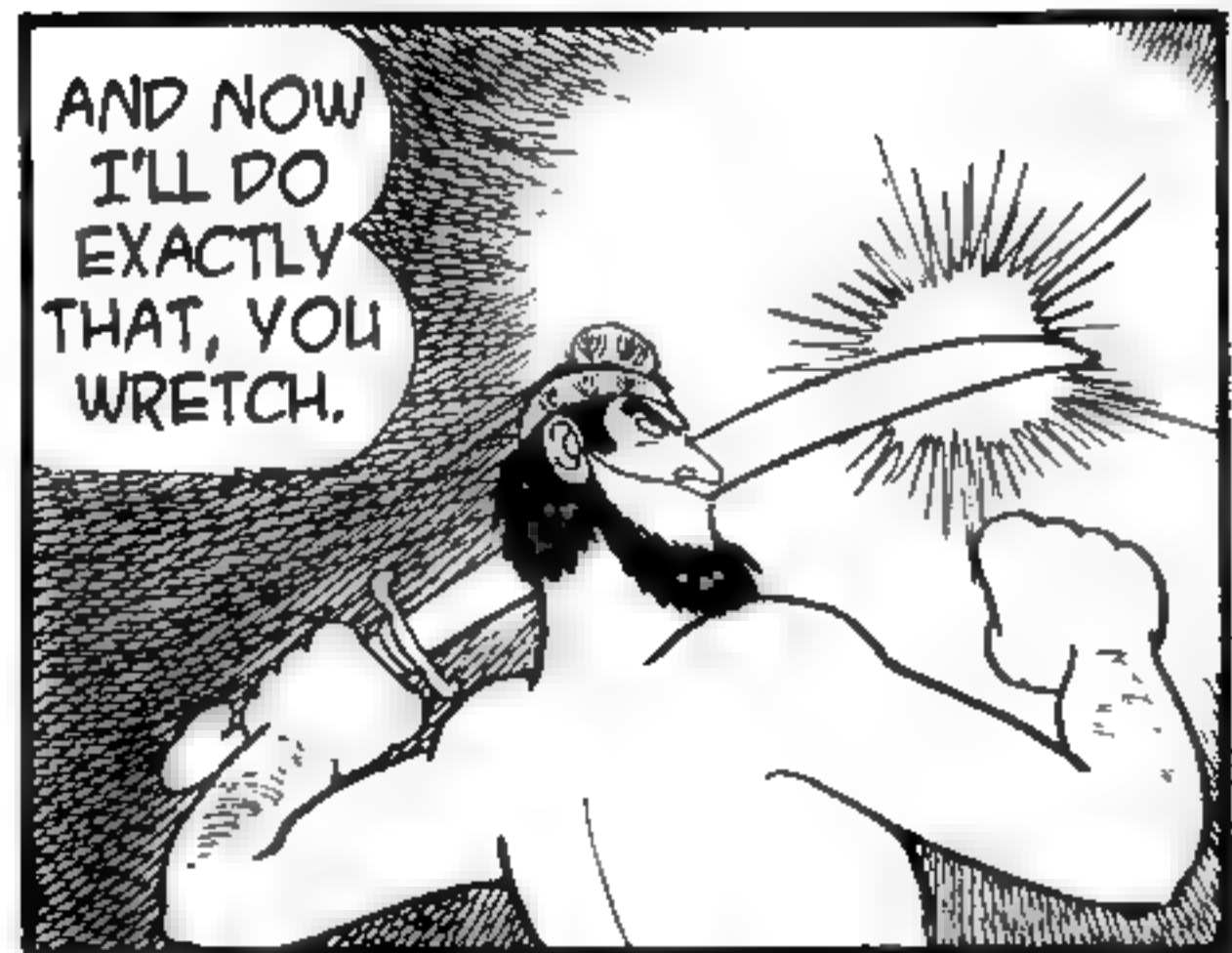
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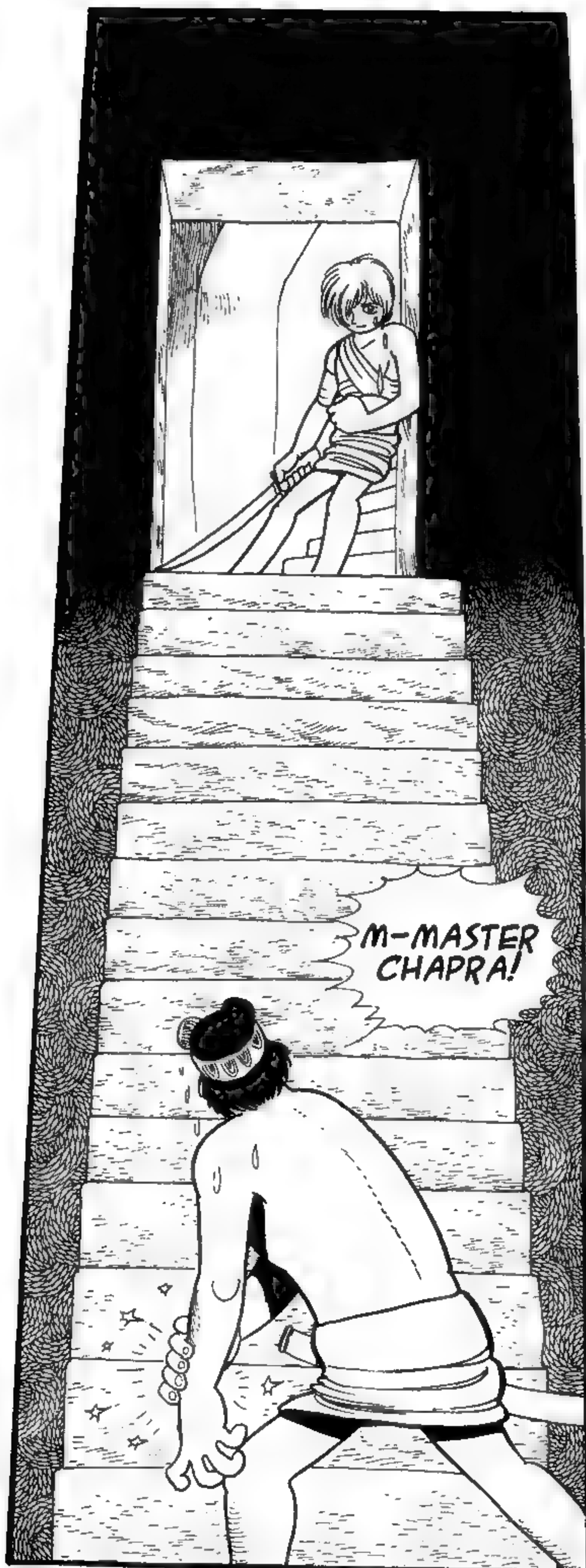


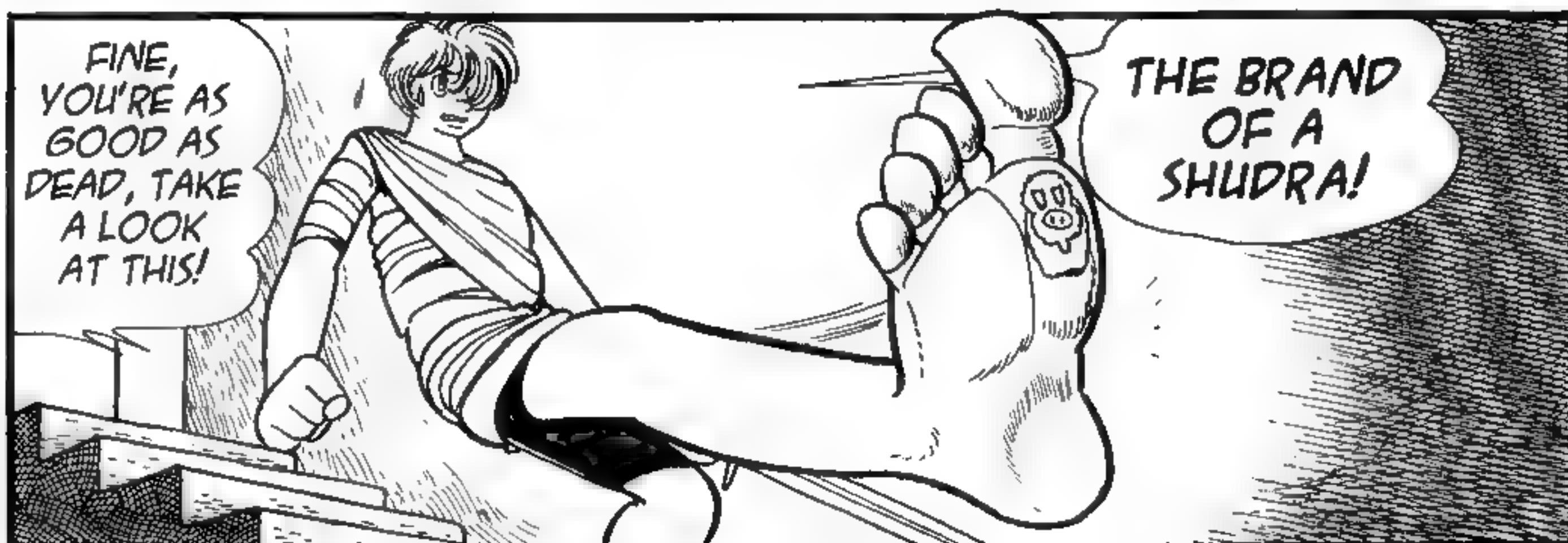
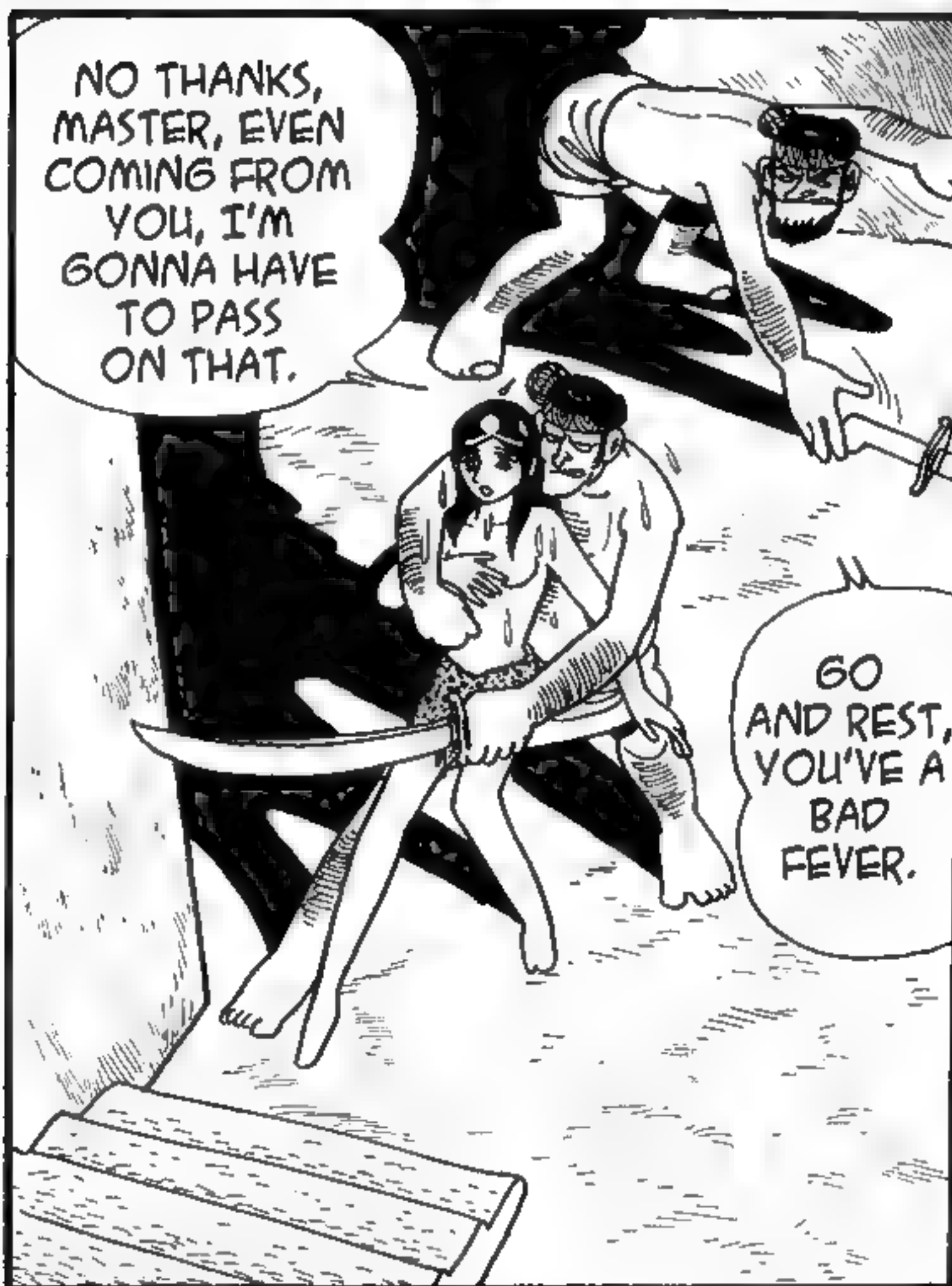




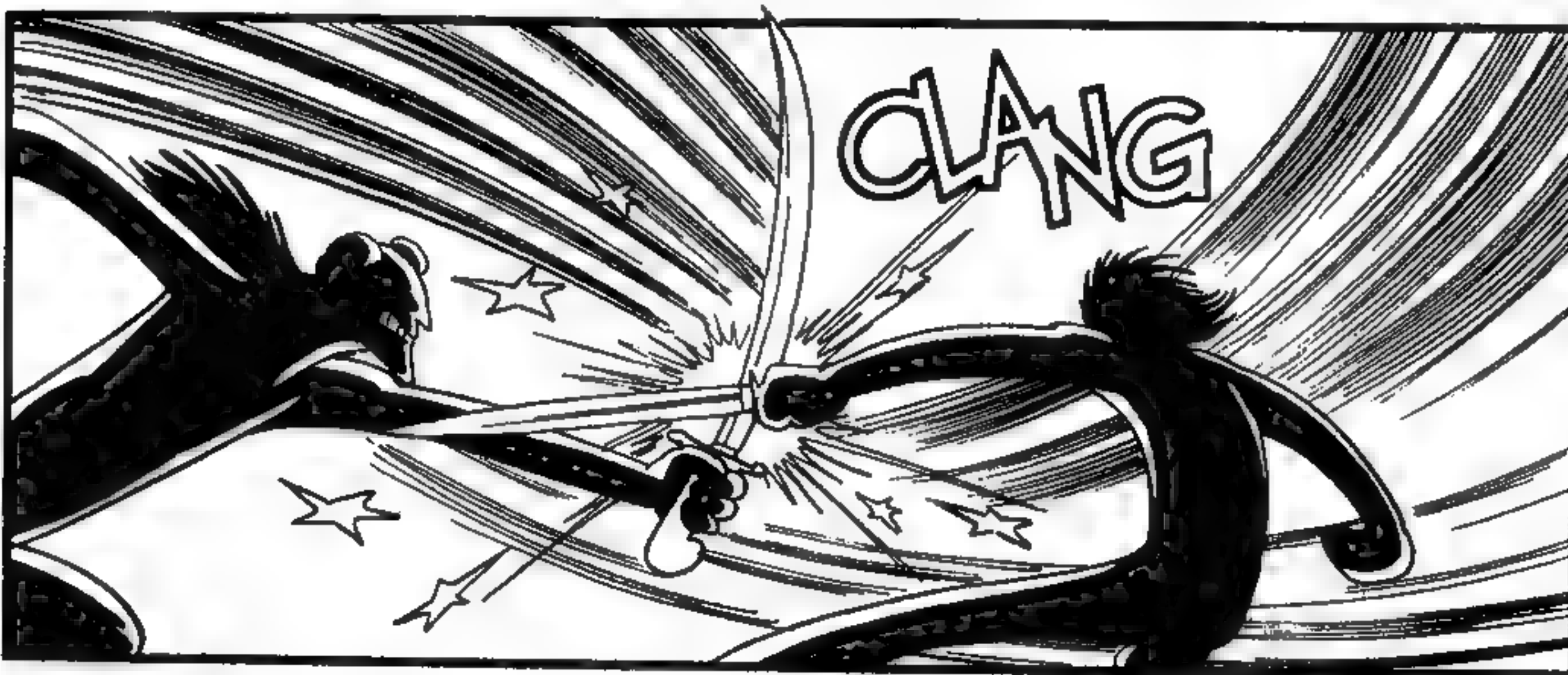


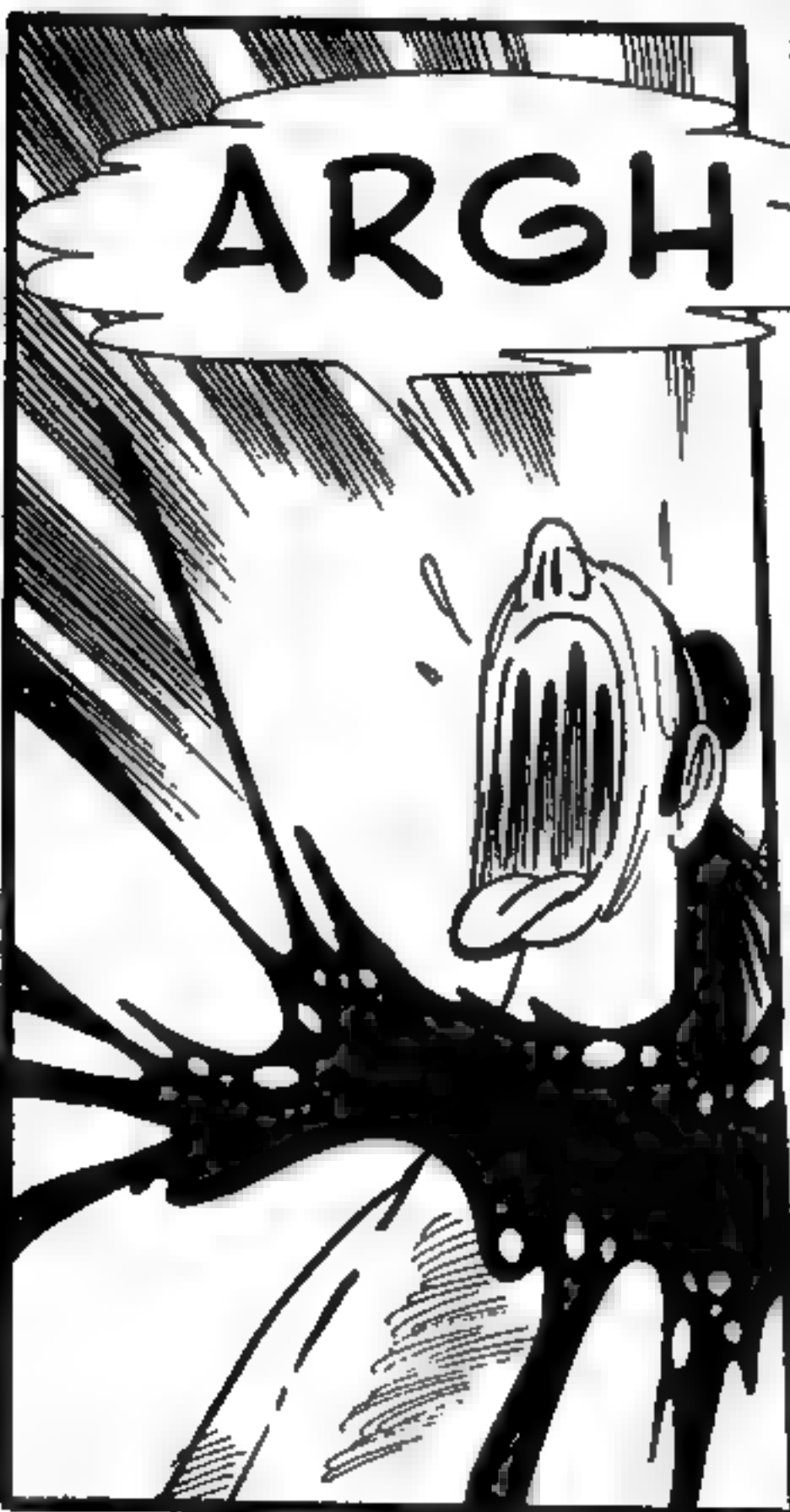
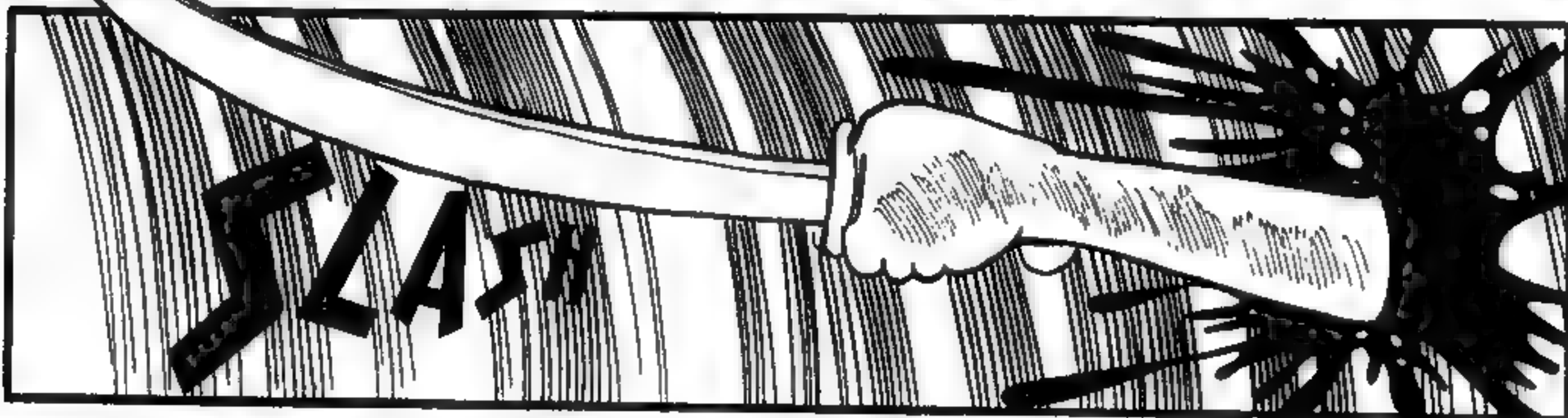


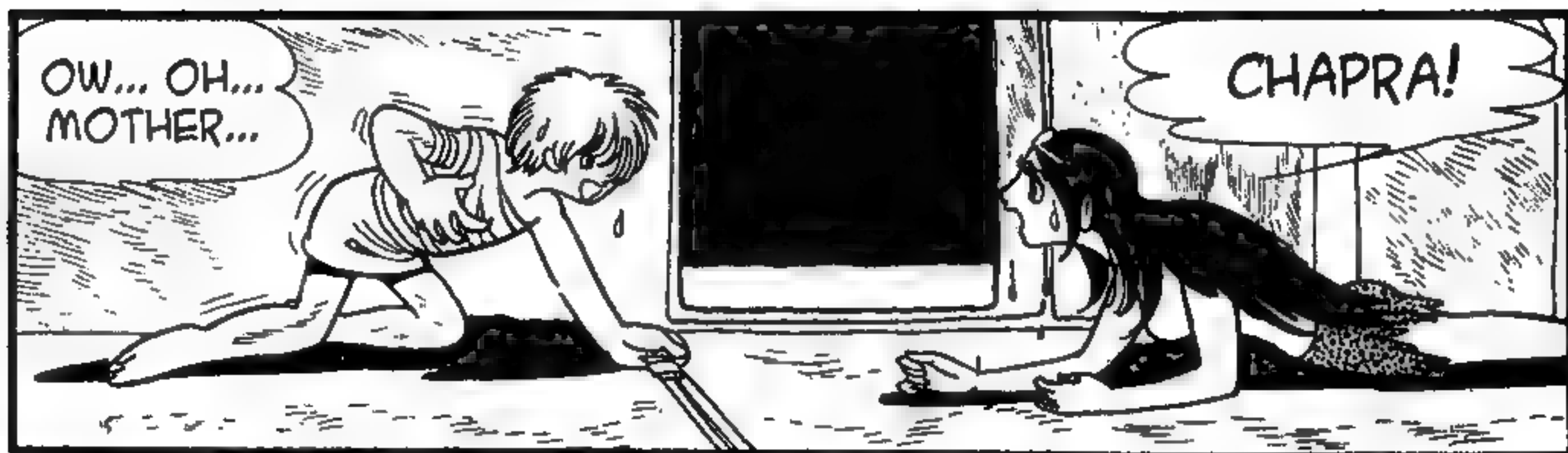












OW... OH...
MOTHER...

CHAPRA!



YOU PULLED
THROUGH,
CHAPRA,
O MY DEAR
BOY, MY POOR
LITTLE BOY!
I WAS SO
WORRIED!

IT WAS SO HARD...
SEEING YOU AND
NOT BEING ABLE TO
CALL OUT TO YOU!
I JUST COULDN'T
TAKE IT ANYMORE.

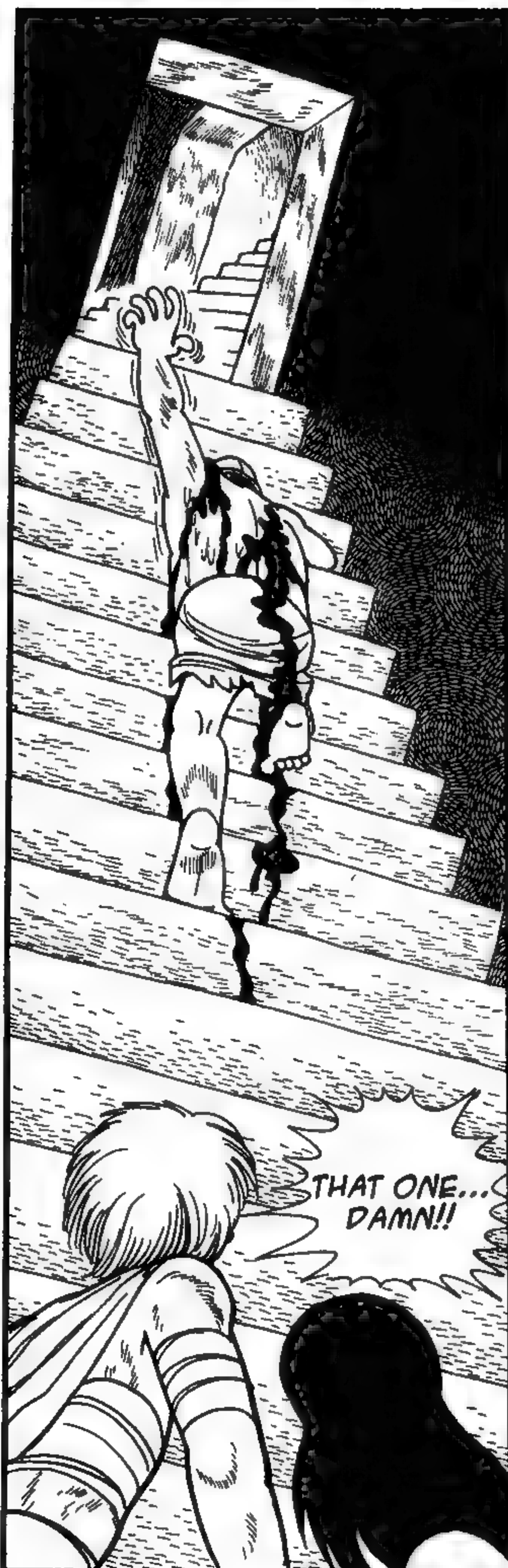
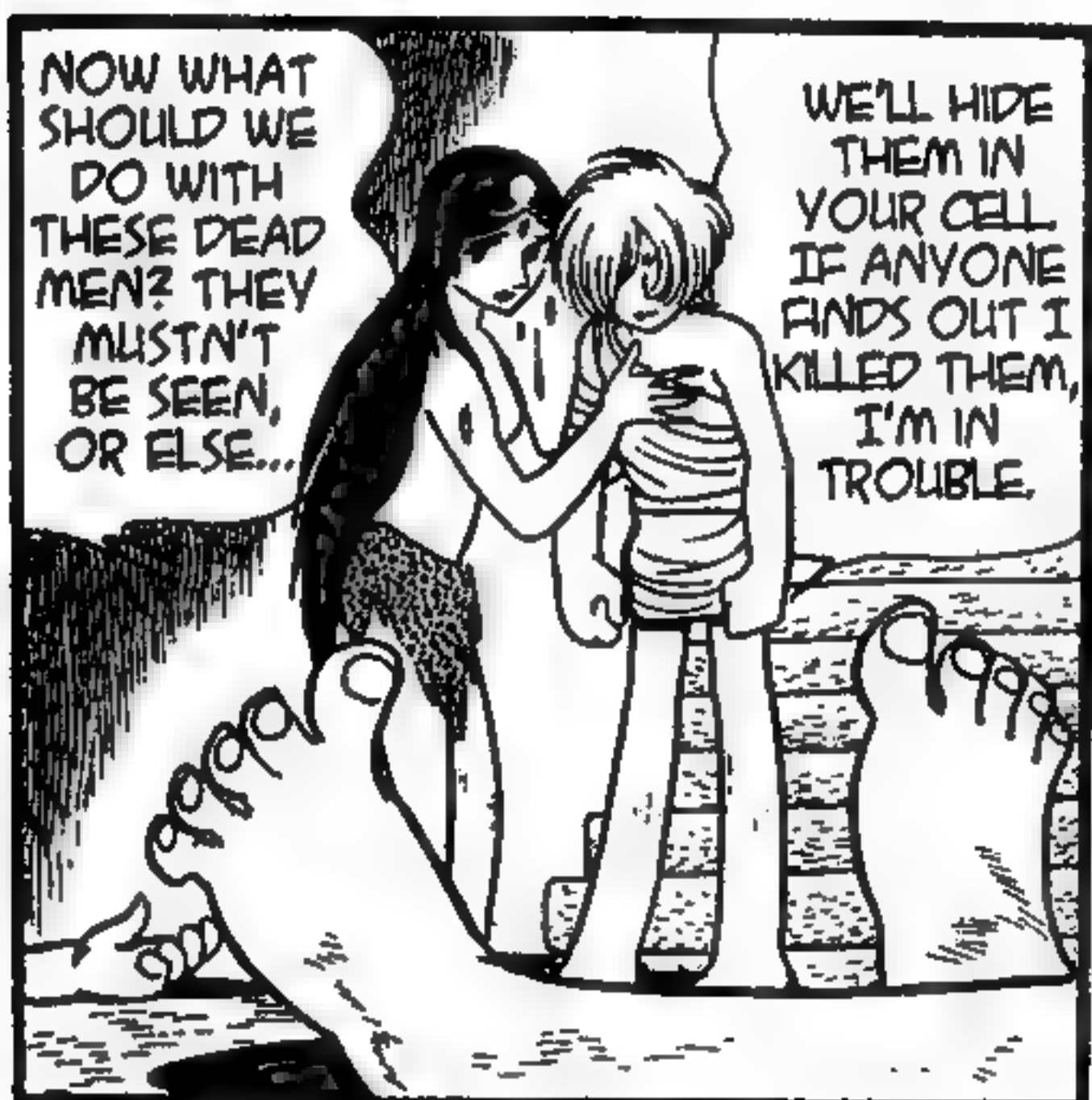
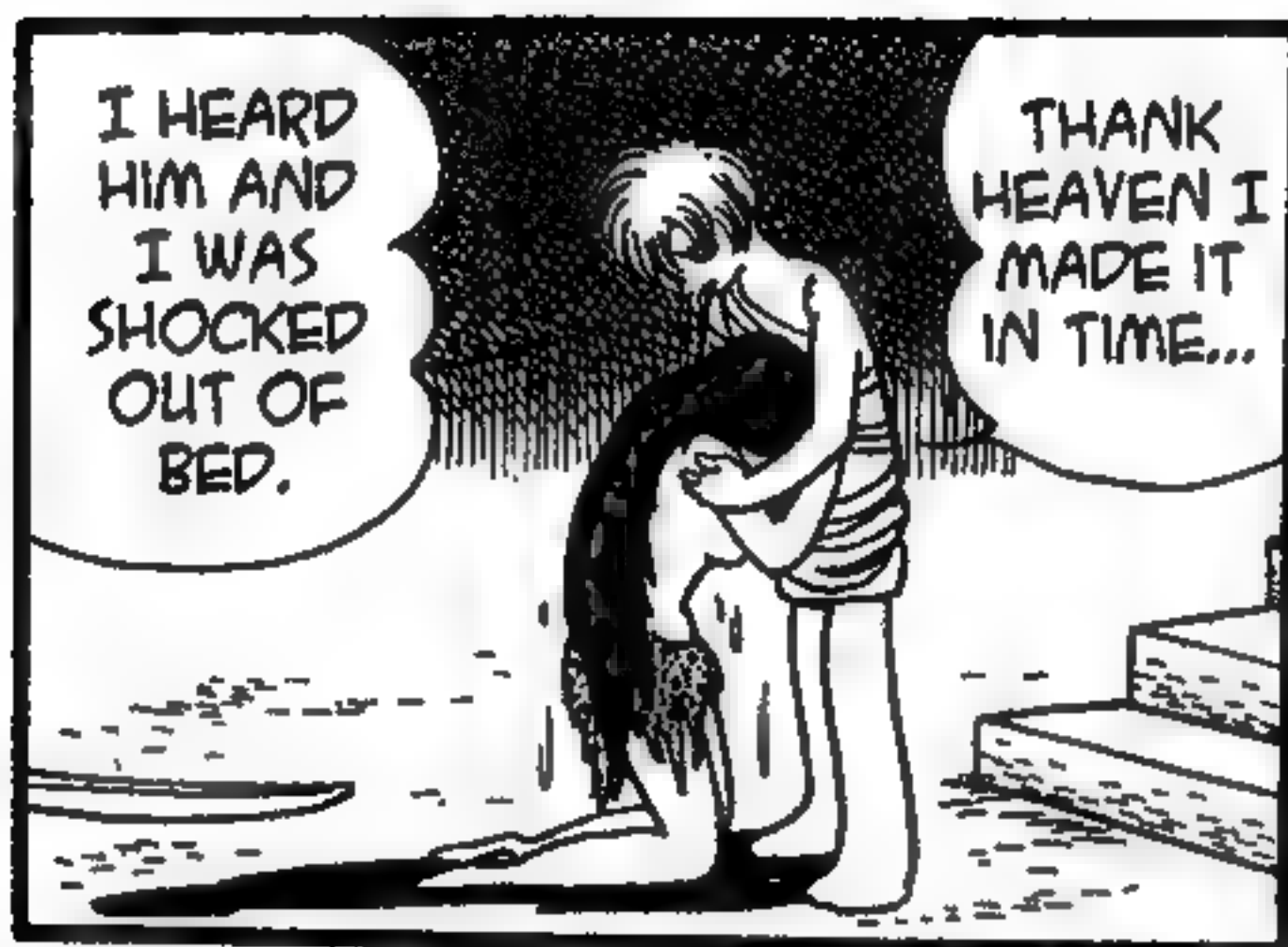


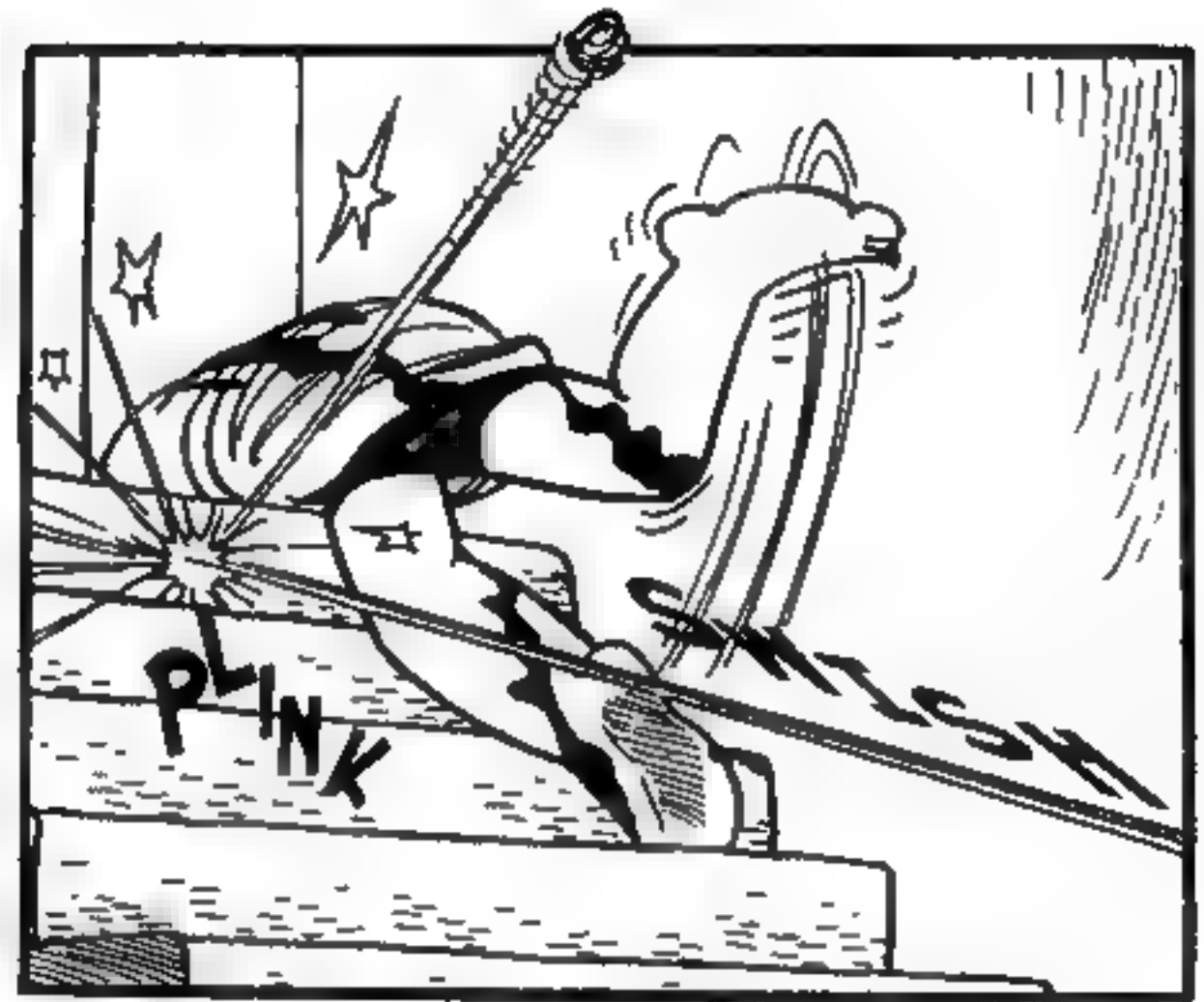
AND HERE I THOUGHT
YOU WERE SO HAPPY
BEING A WARRIOR
THAT YOU'D ORDERED
MY DEATH...
SO YOU DON'T WANT
ME DEAD?

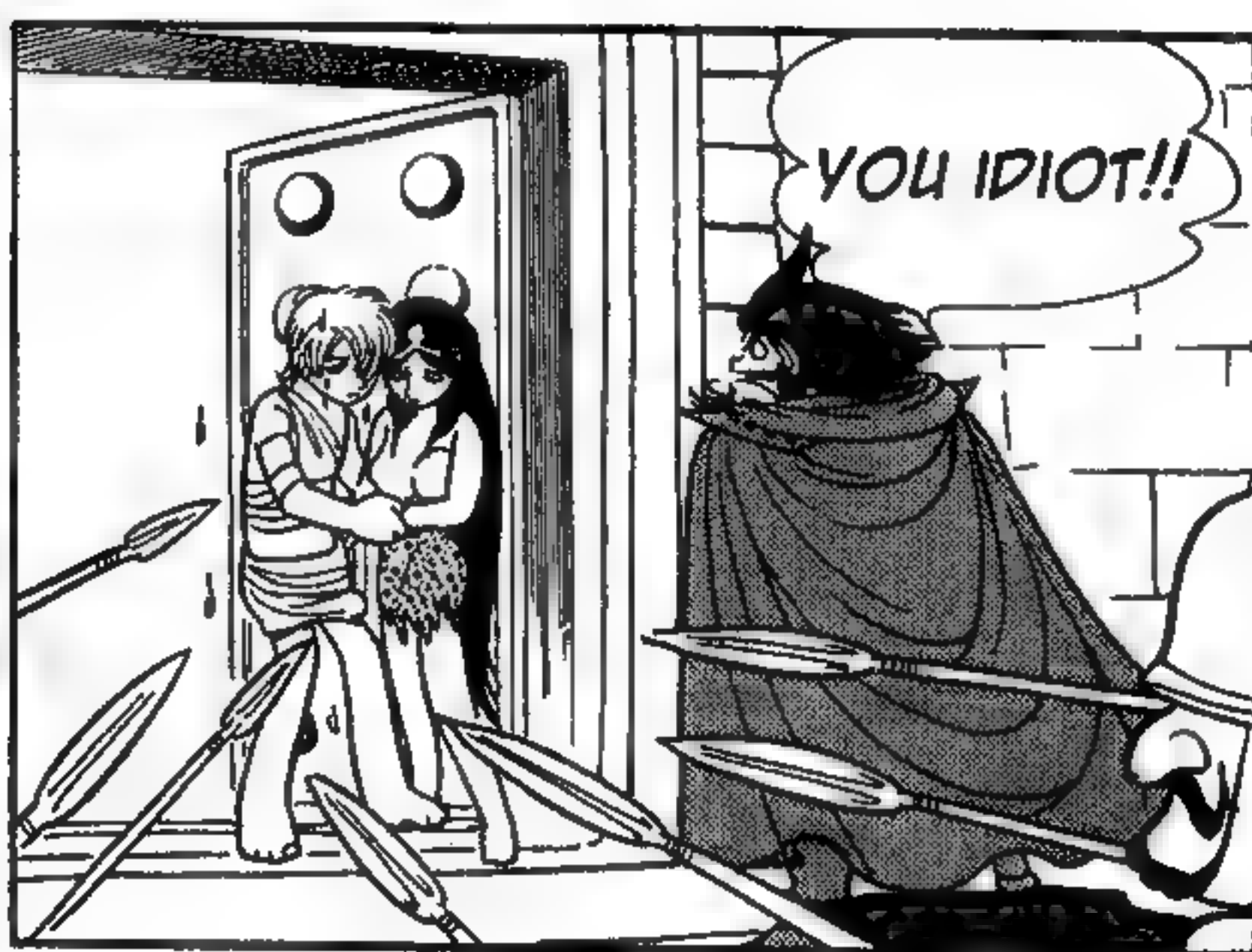
PLEASE,
MOTHER!!
DON'T
EVEN
SAY SUCH
THINGS!
'COURSE
NOT!!

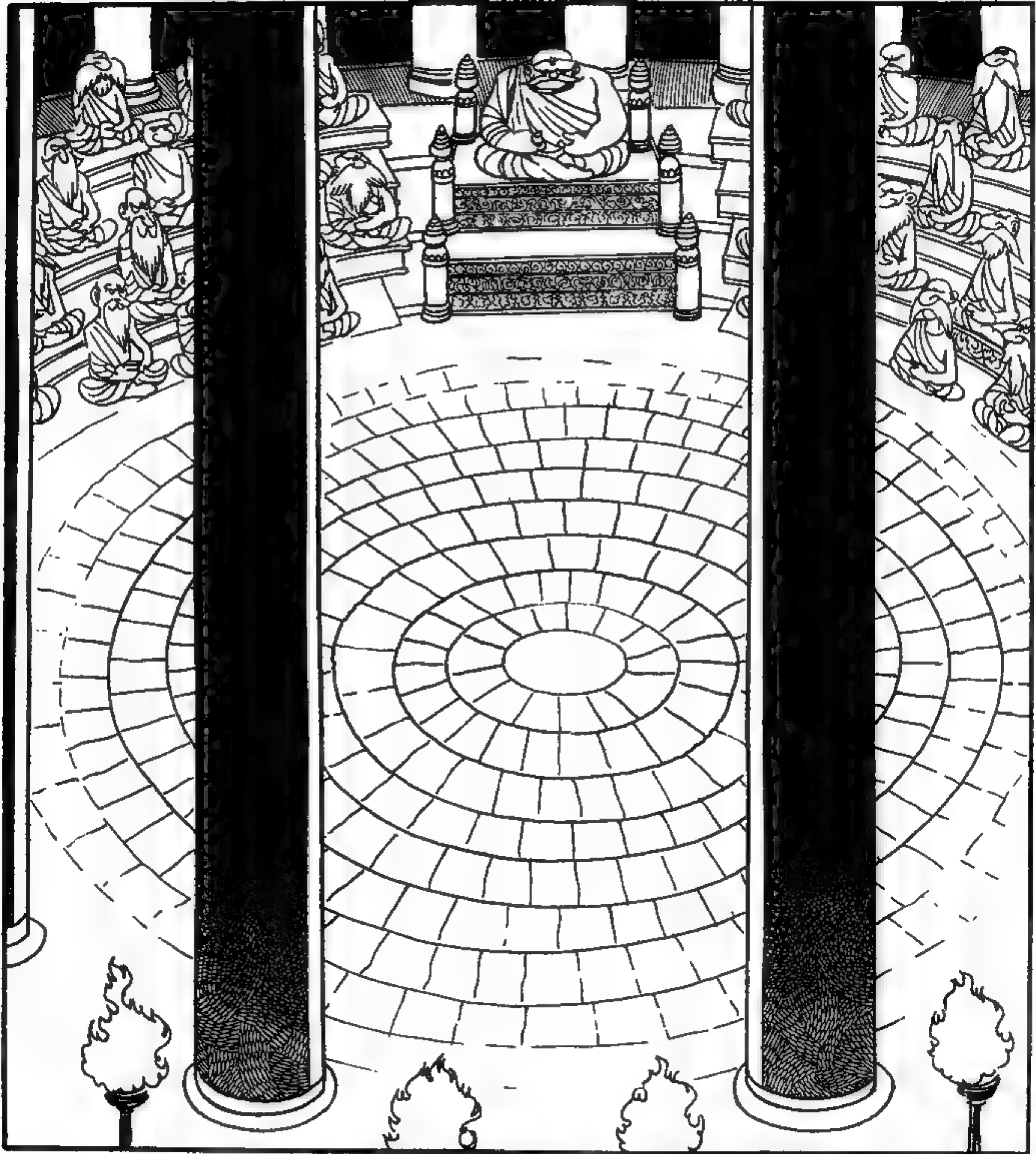


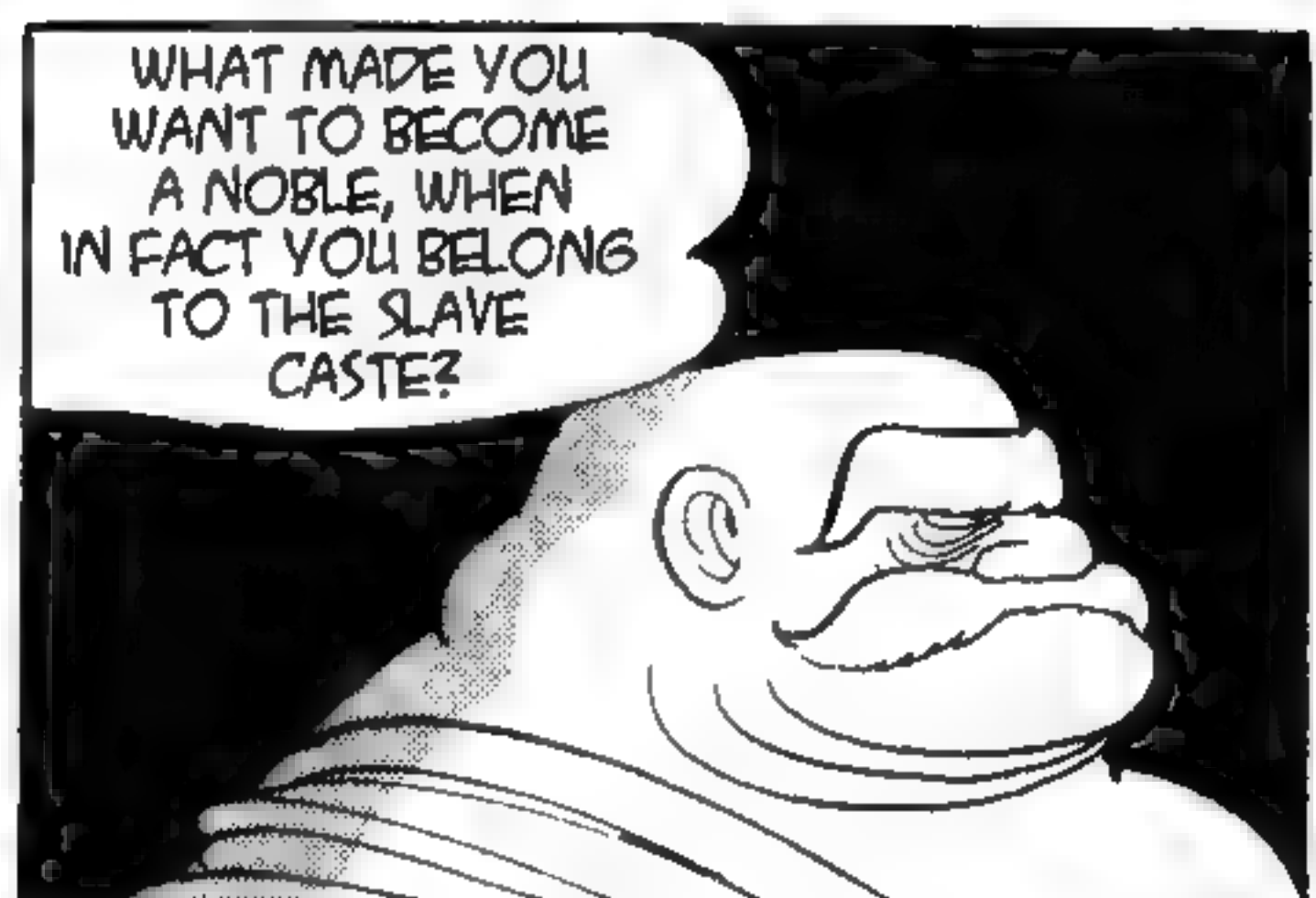
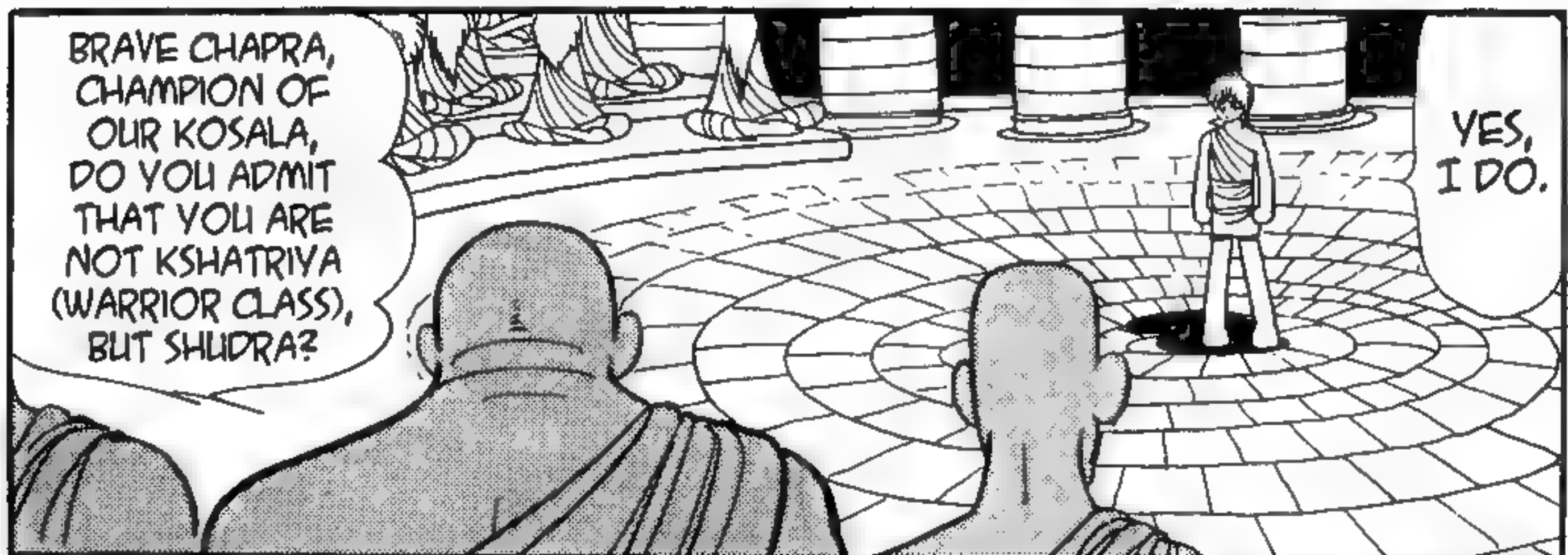
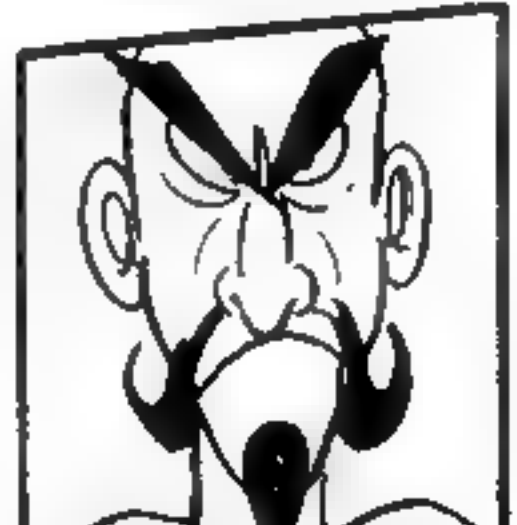
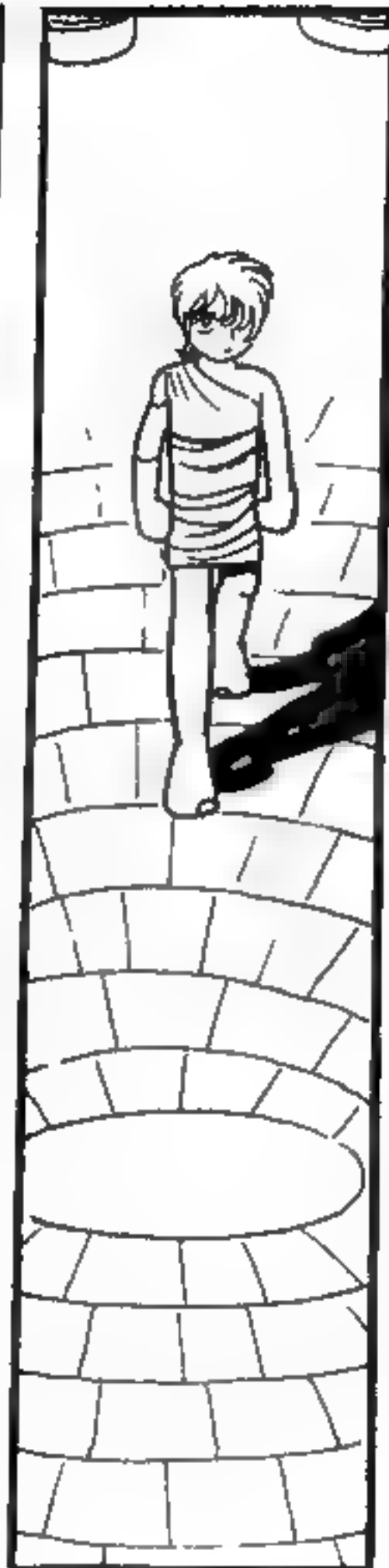
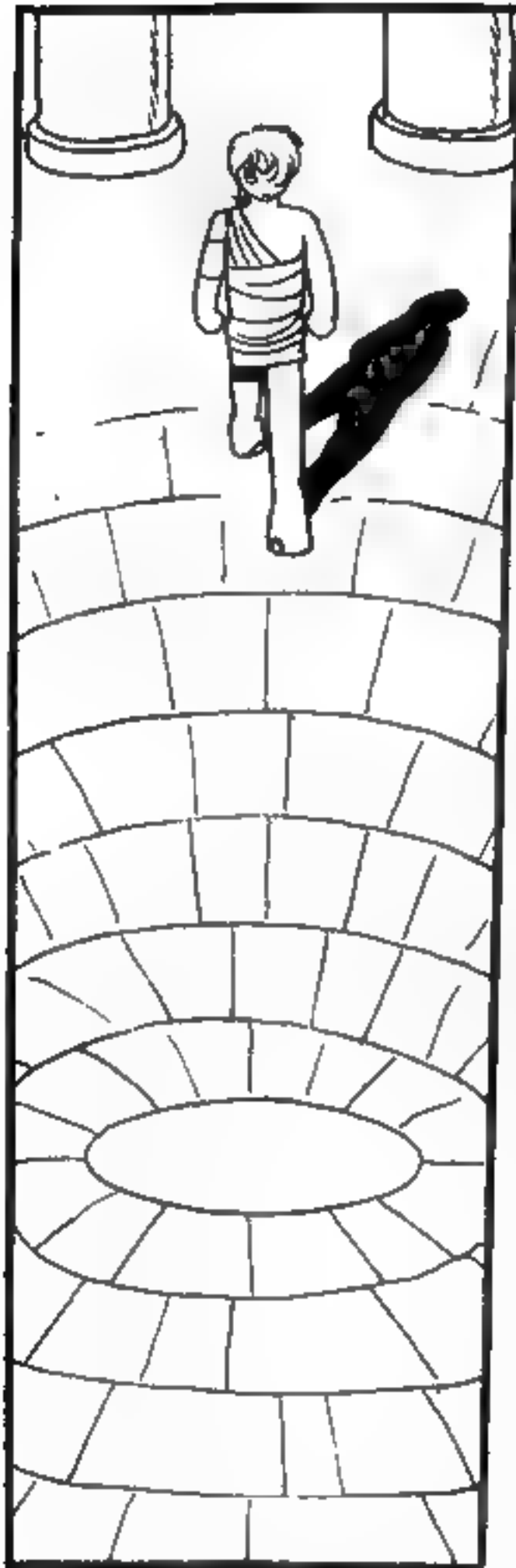
IT WAS MY
OLD MAN...
GENERAL
BUDAI...
WHO GAVE
THE ORDER
TO HAVE
YOU...

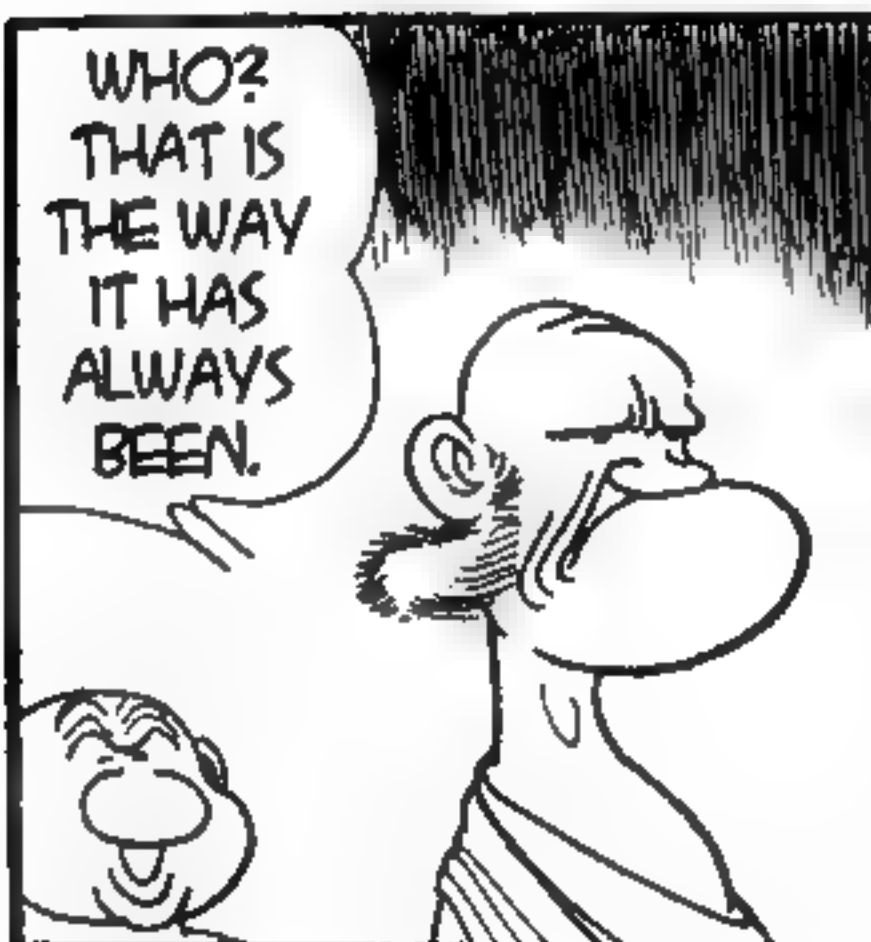


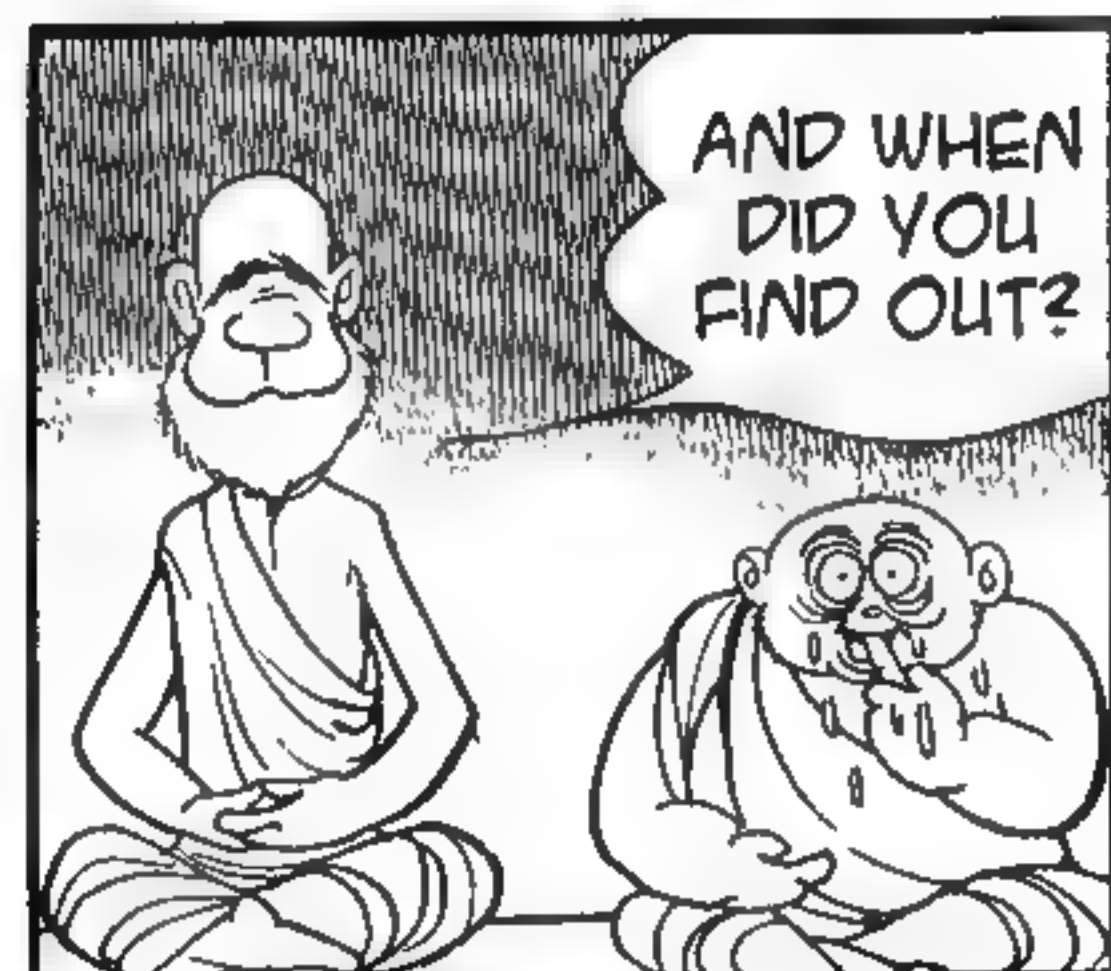
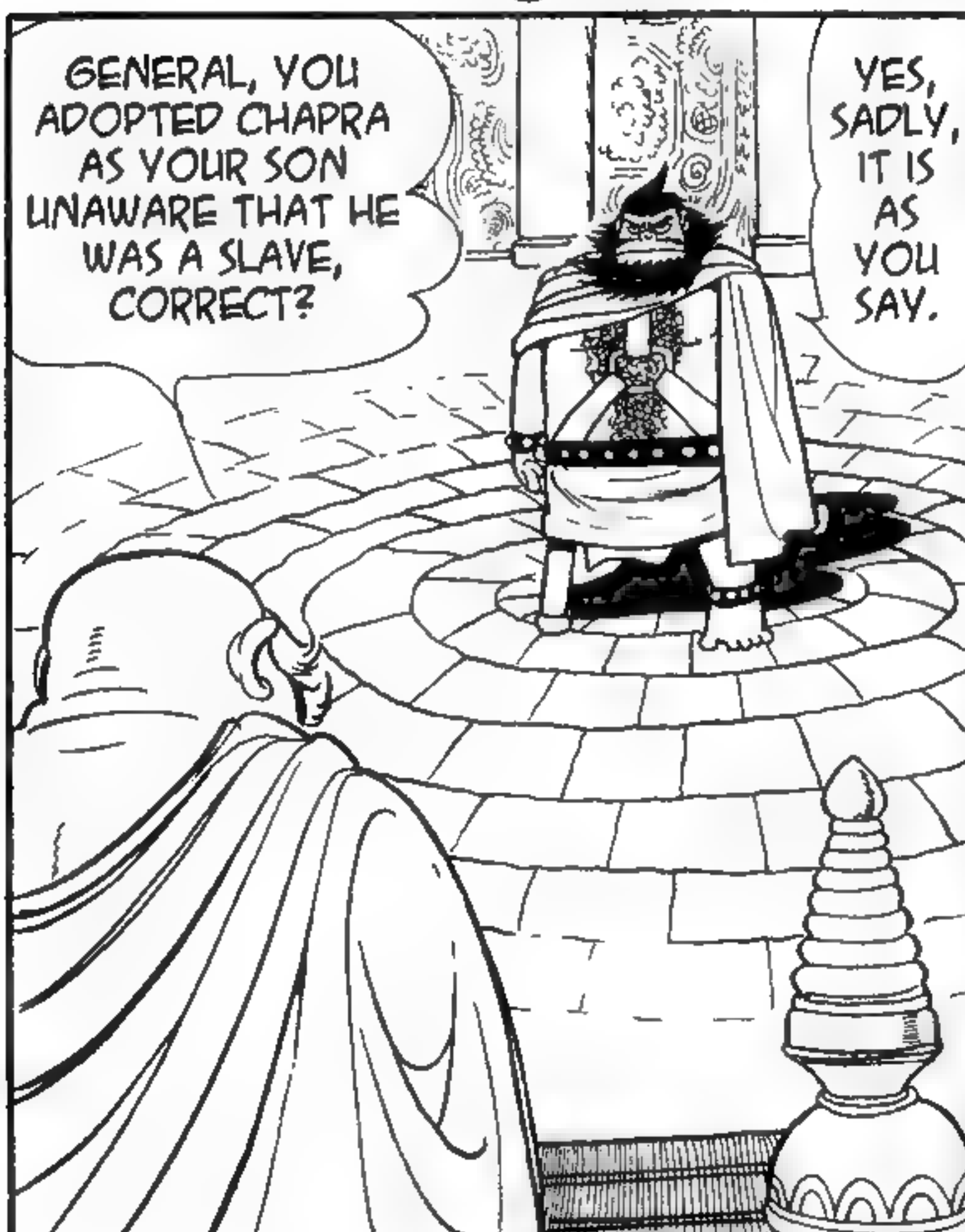
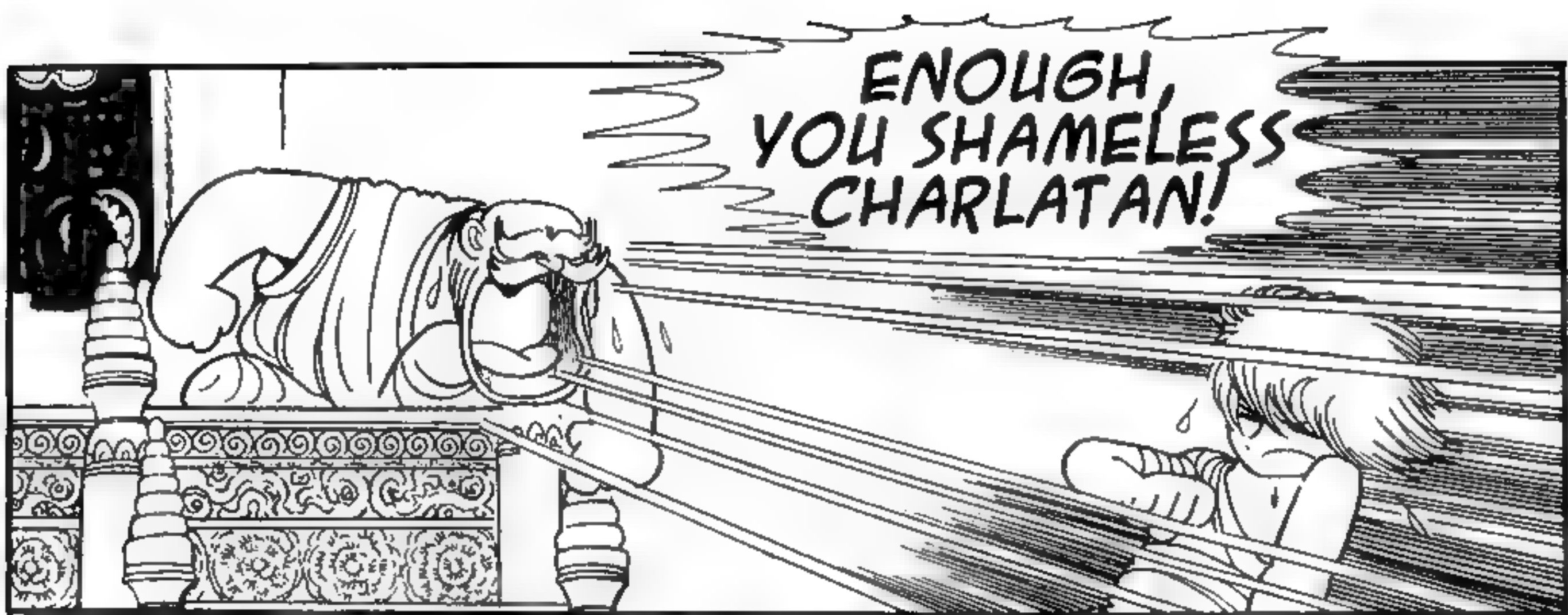


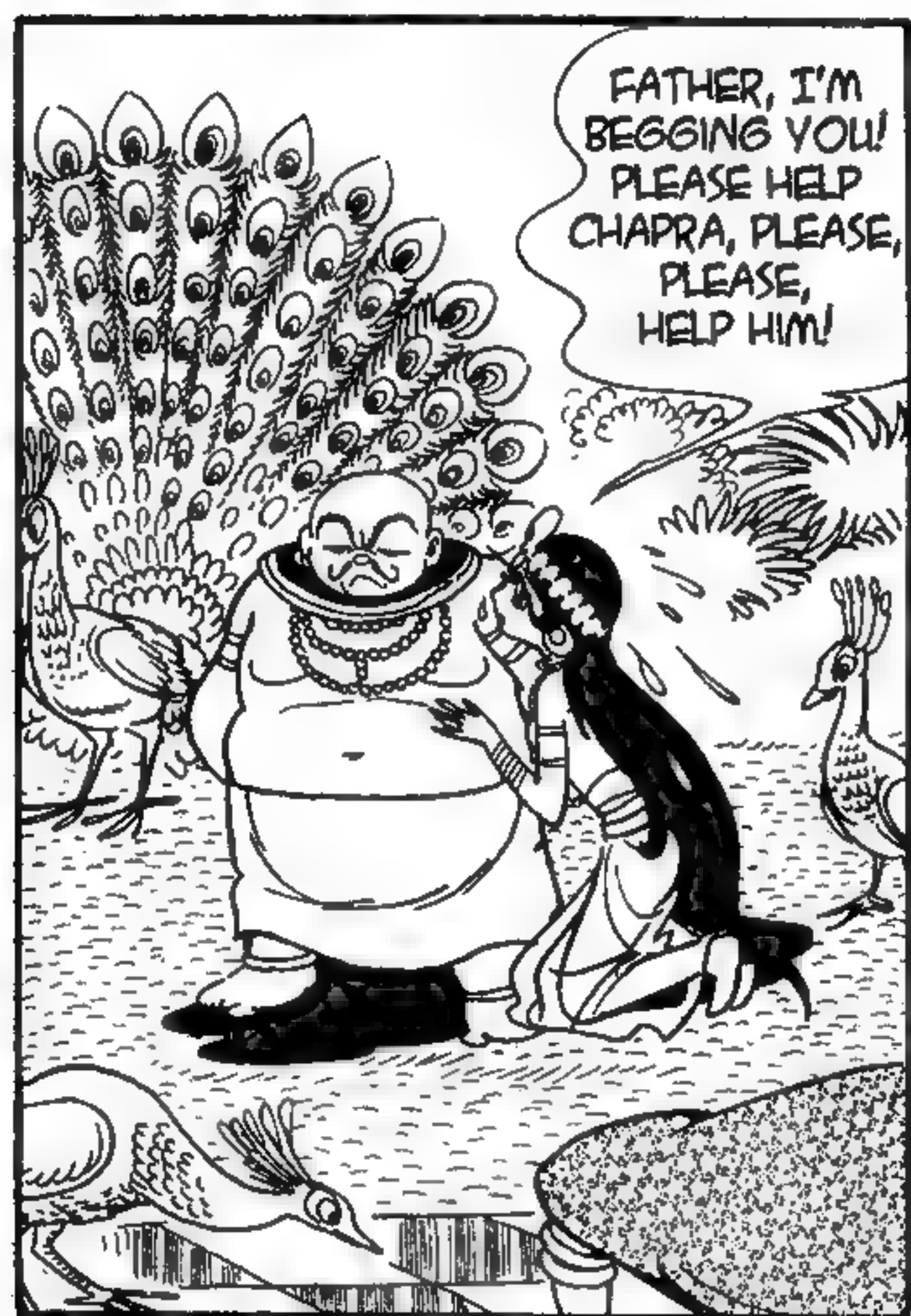
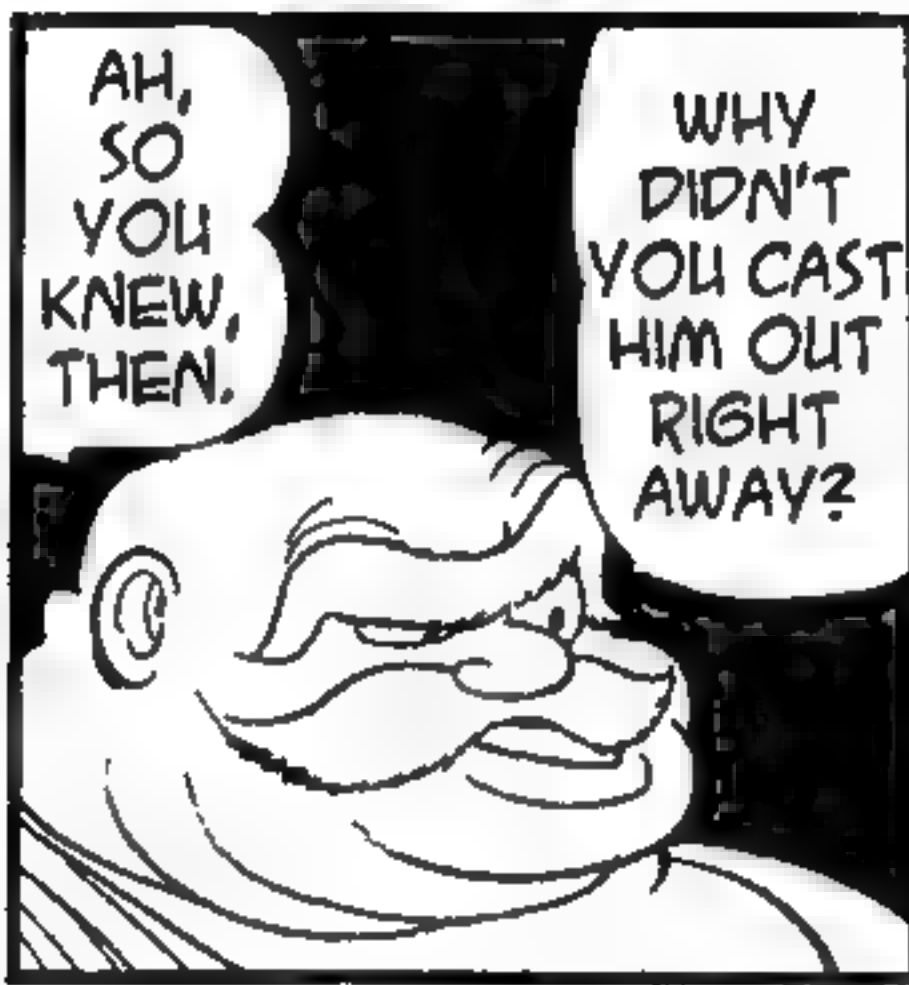


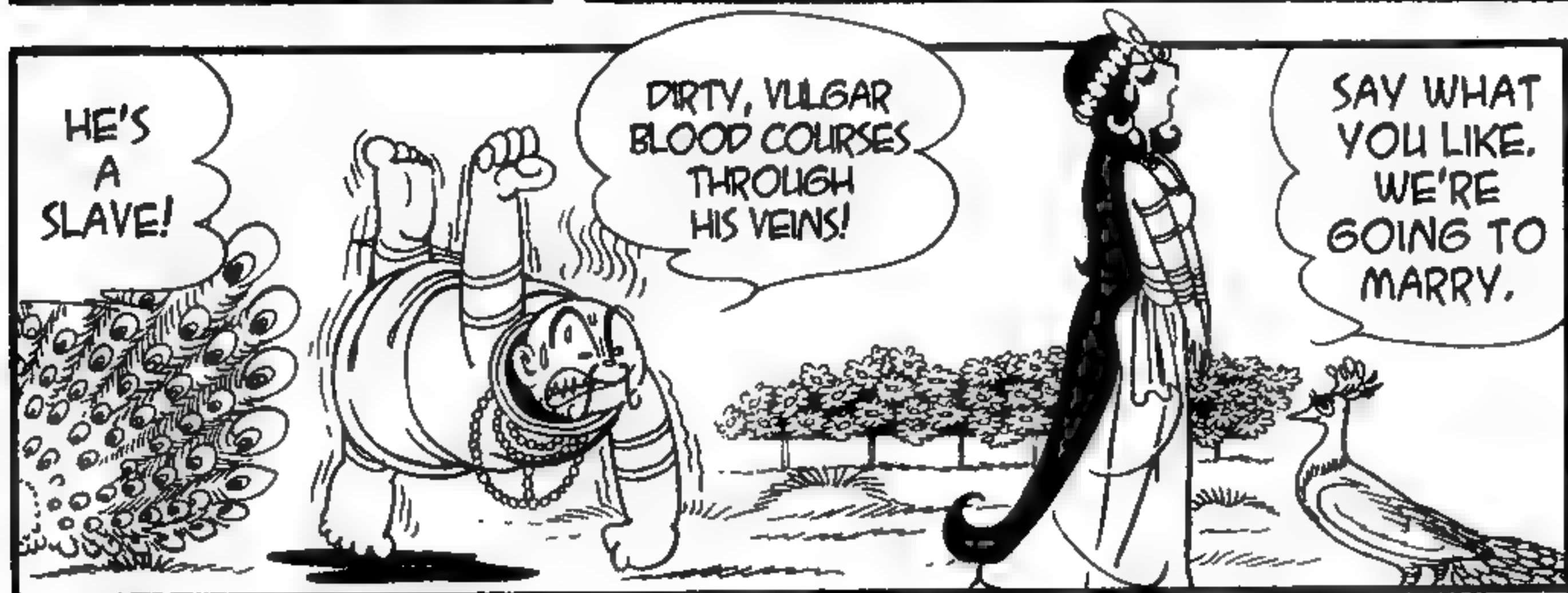
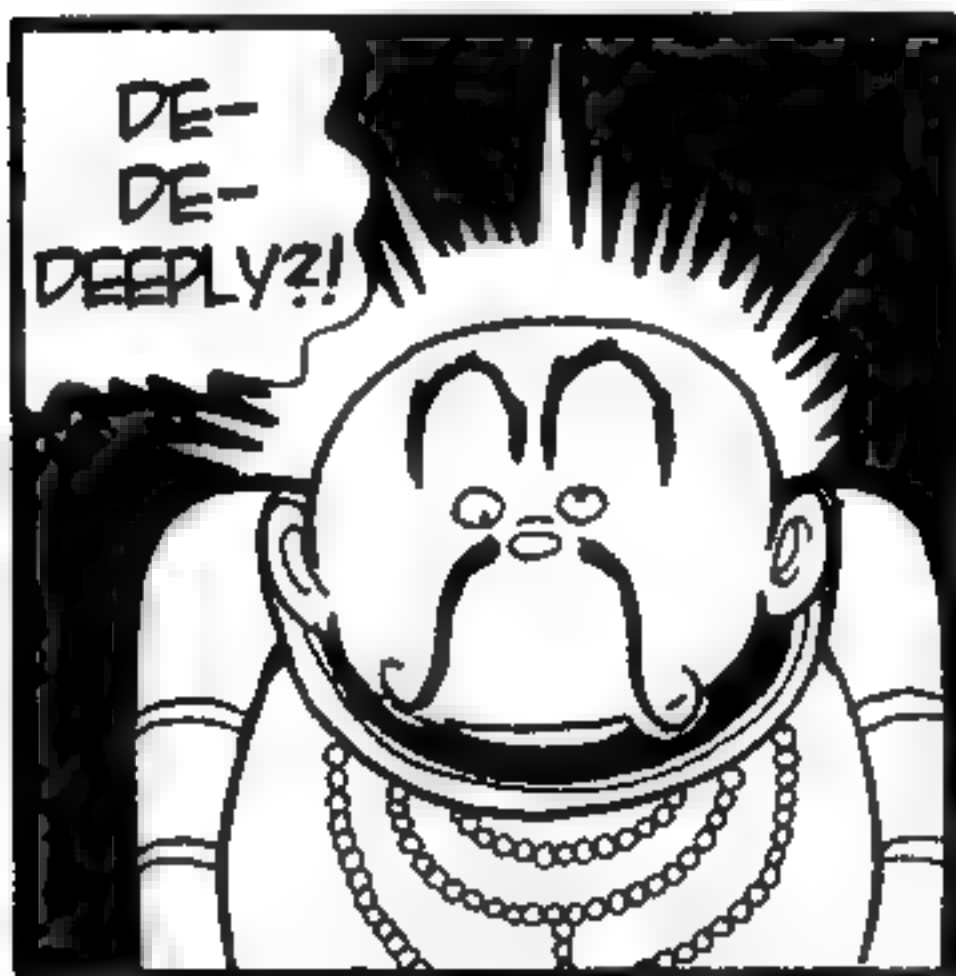


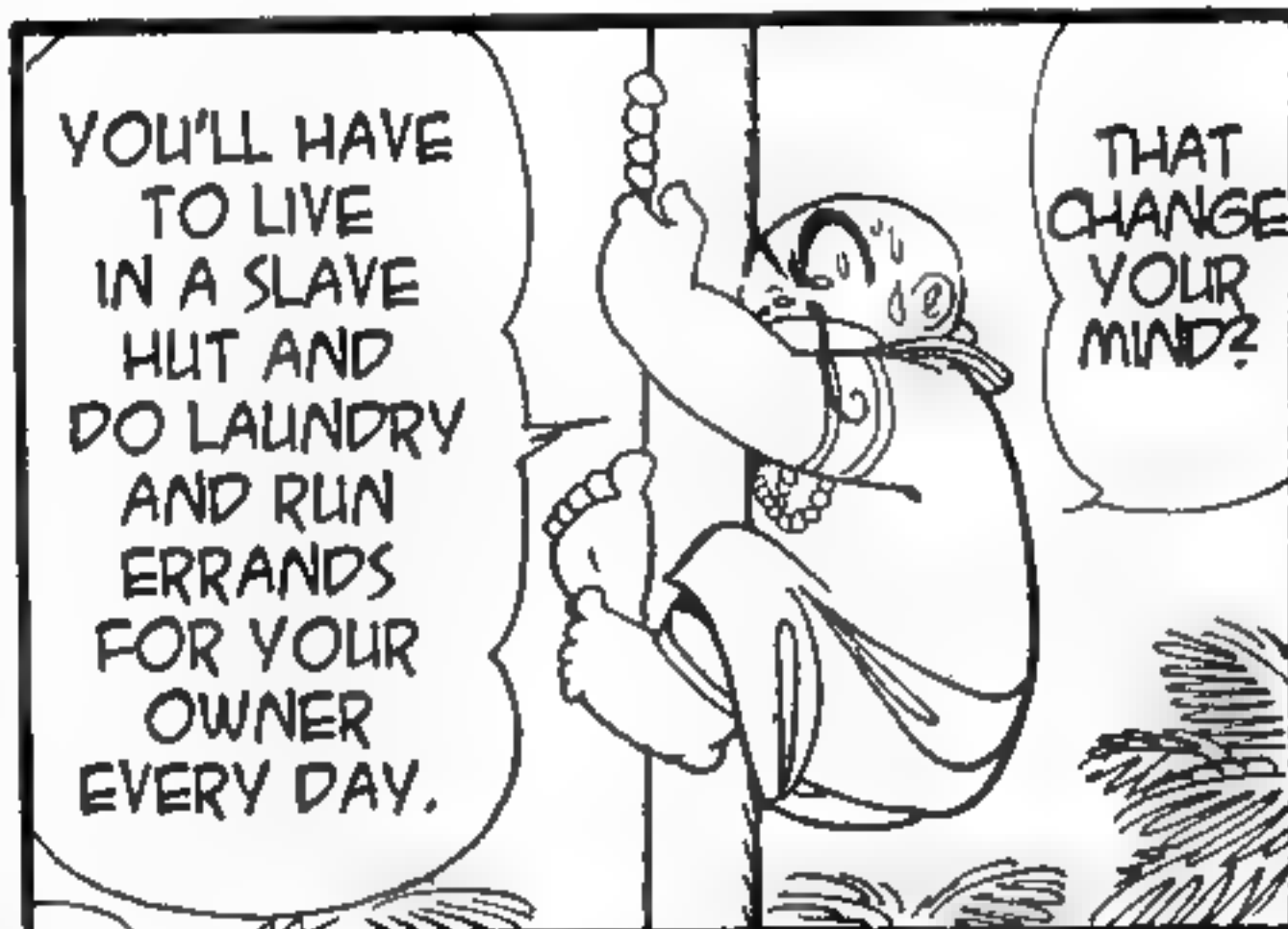
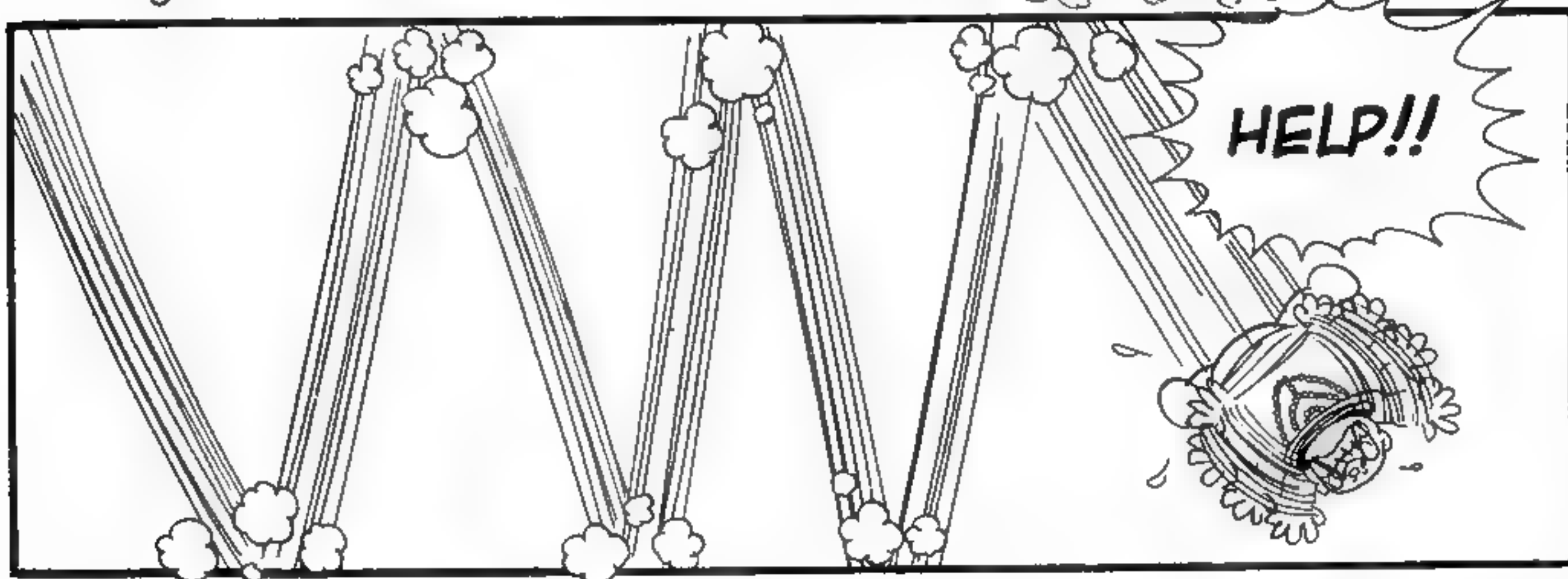
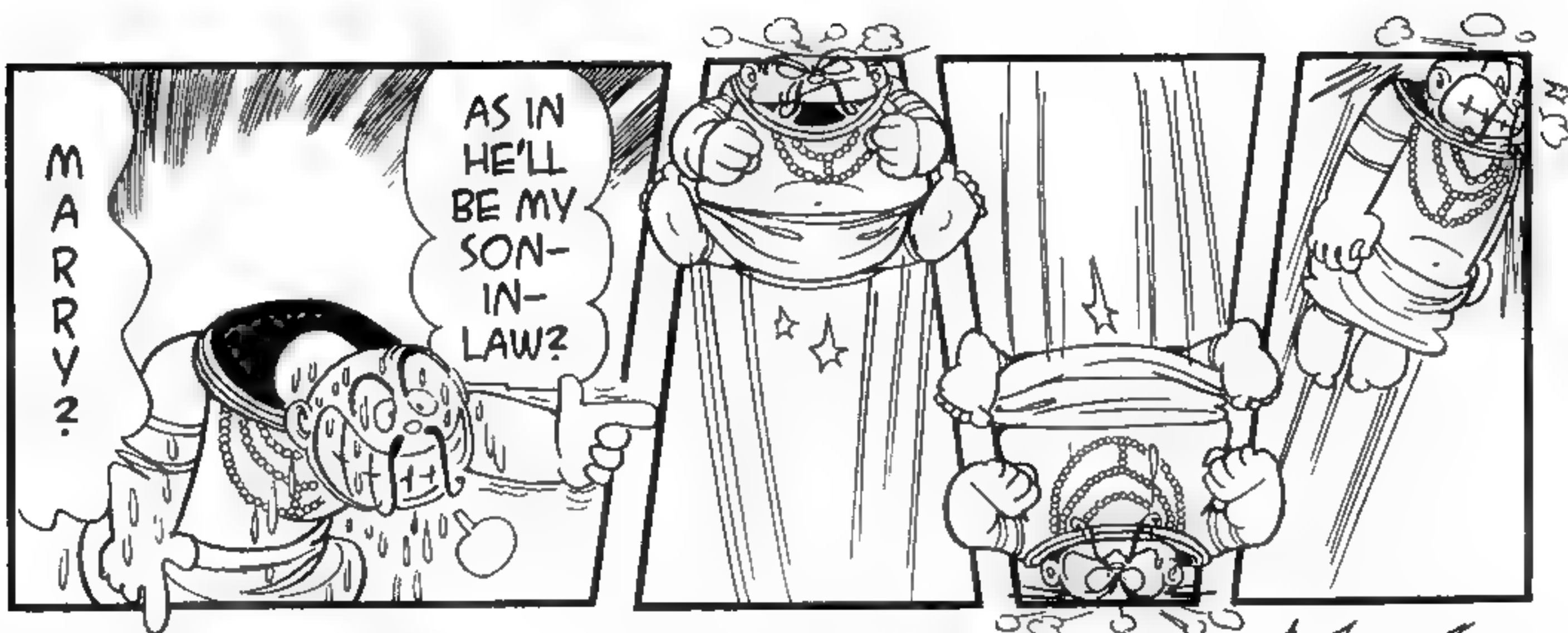


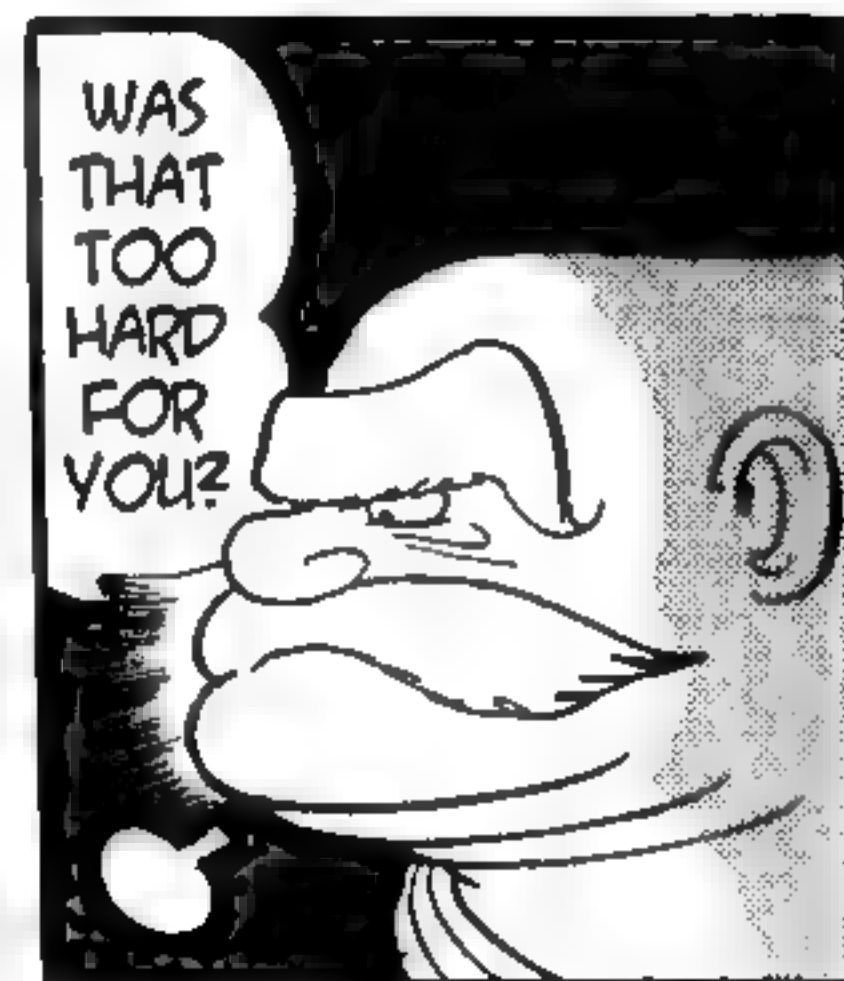
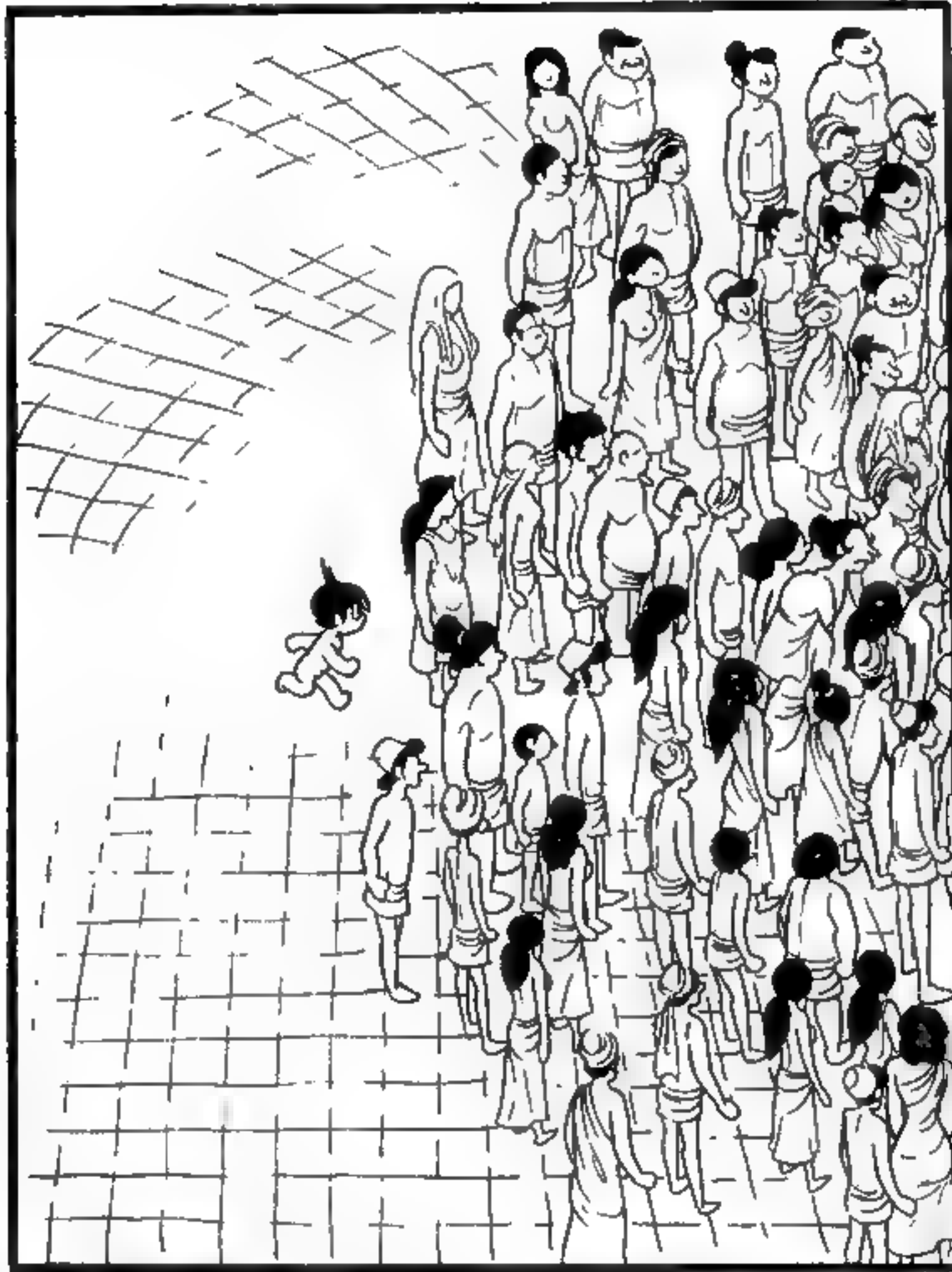






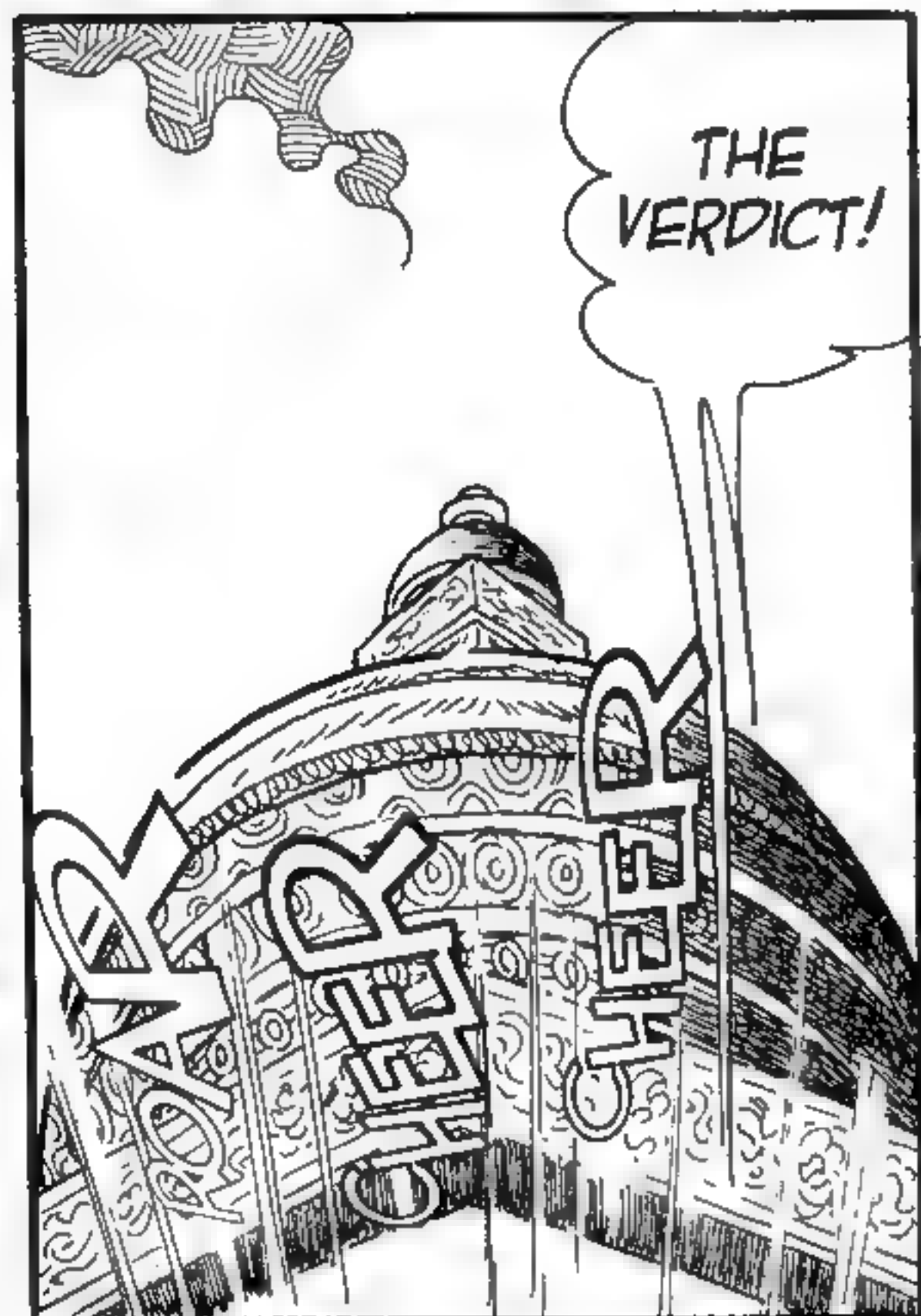
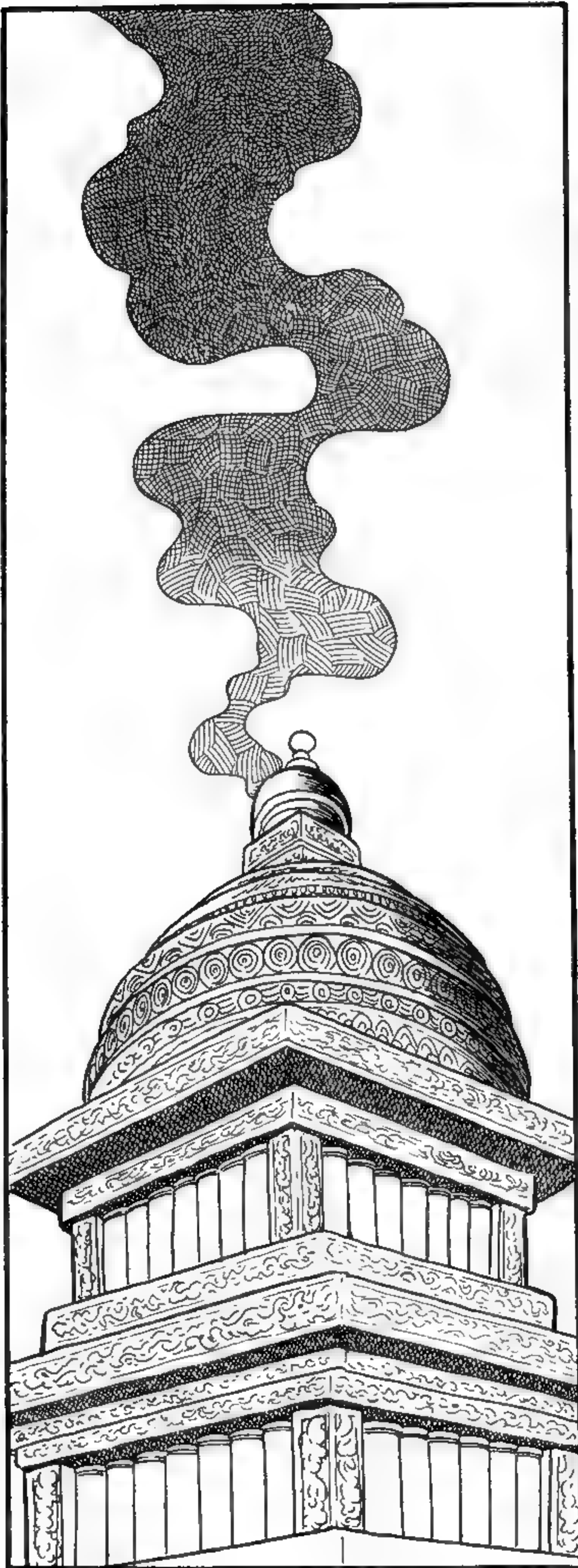










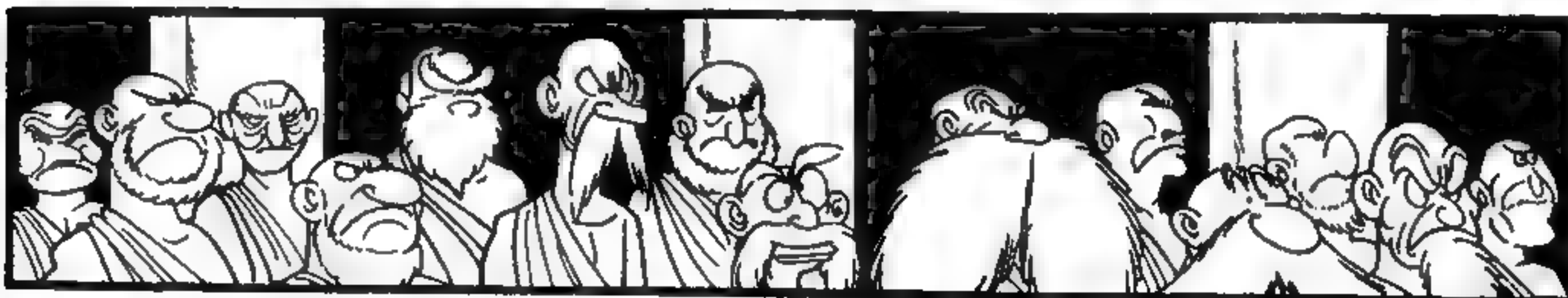


CHAPRA! YOU
ARE HEREBY
STRIPPED OF
YOUR TITLE
OF CHAMPION
AND FOREVER
BANISHED
FROM KOSALA!

FOR HAVING
CONCEALED THE
CASTE OF YOUR
ADOPTED SON
CHAPRA, YOU ARE
SUSPENDED FROM
DUTY UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE,
GENERAL BUDAI.

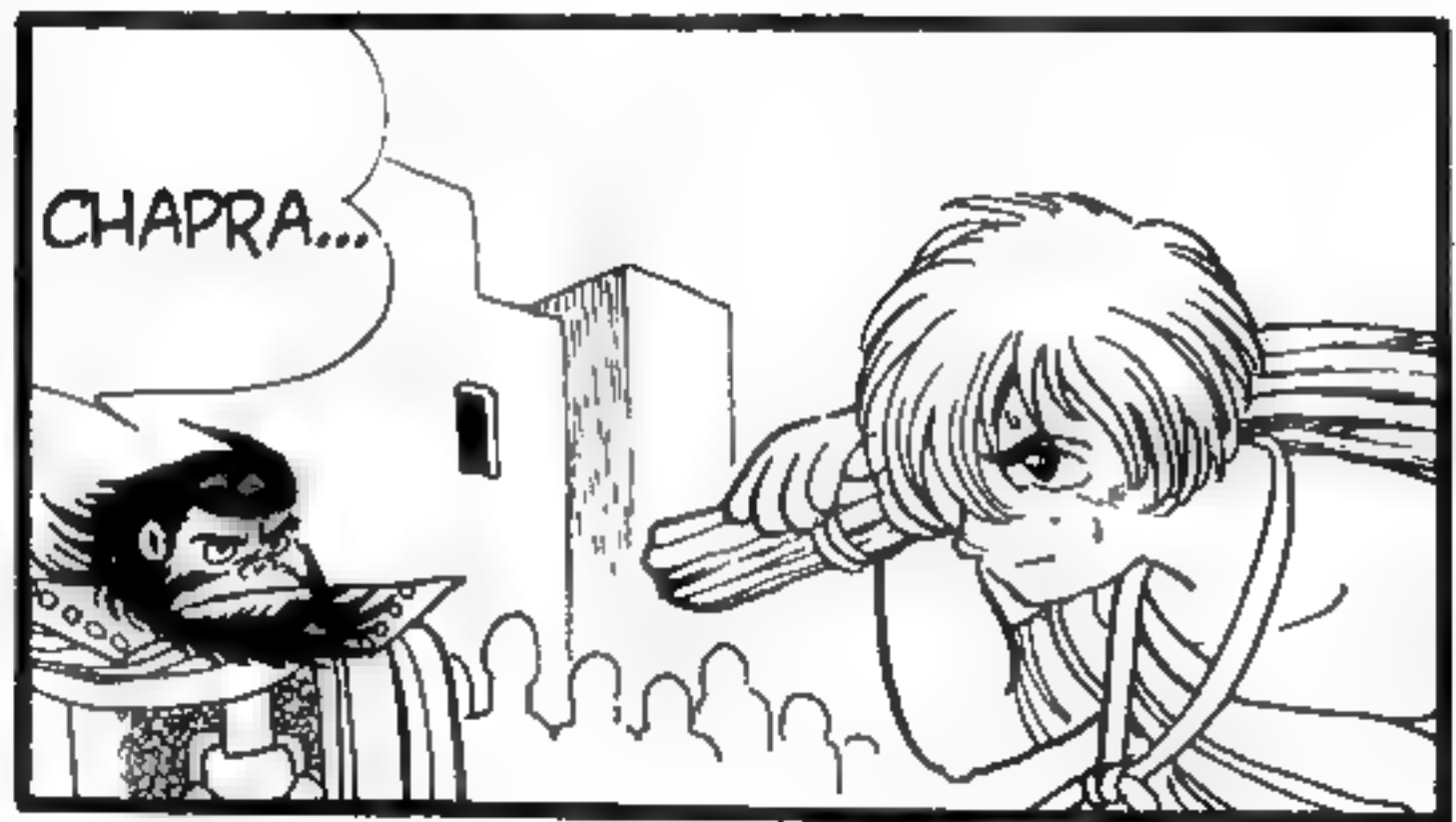
AND YOU,
SLAVE WOMAN,
YOU SHALL DIE!
YOU'LL BE
THROWN OFF A
CLIFF SO THAT
VULTURES MAY
FEAST ON
YOUR FLESH!

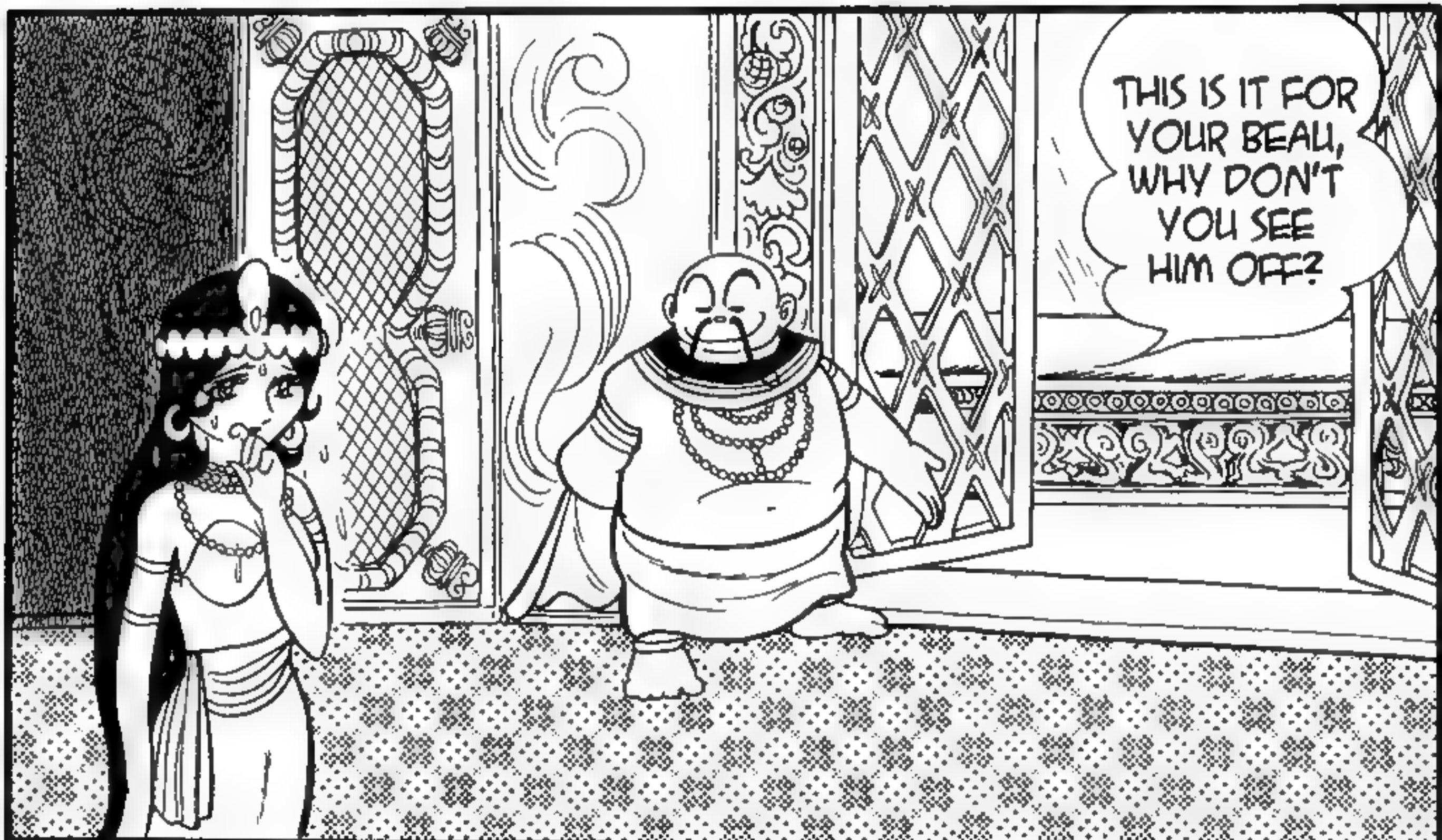
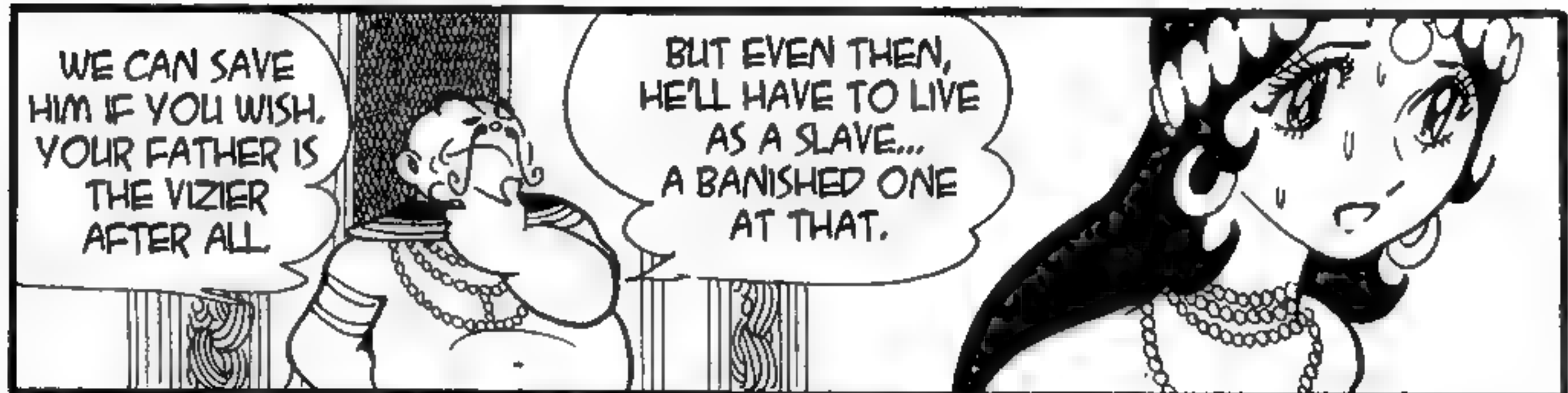
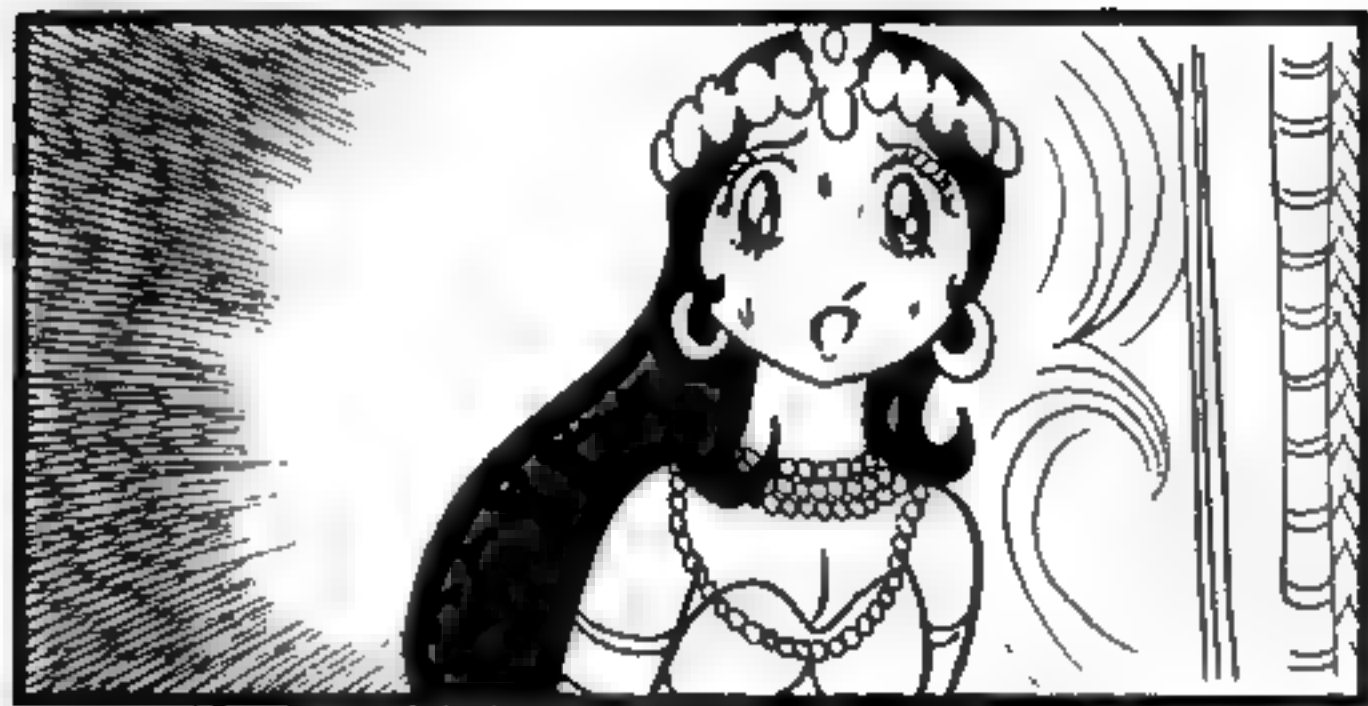


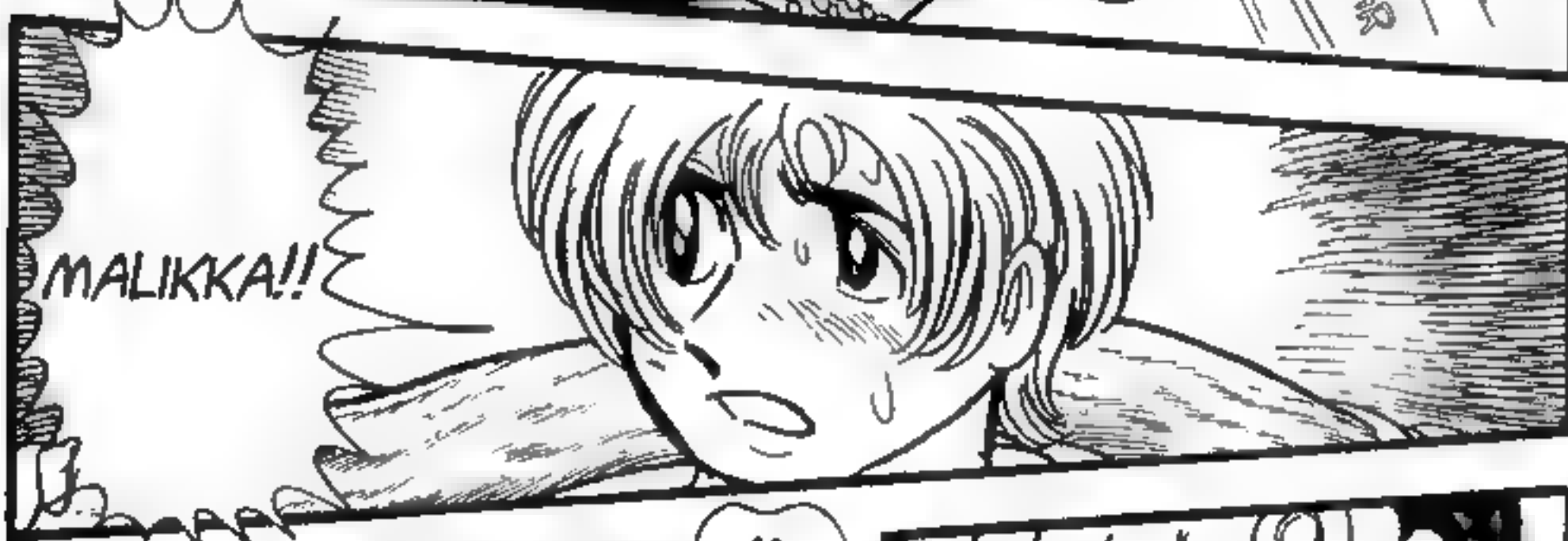
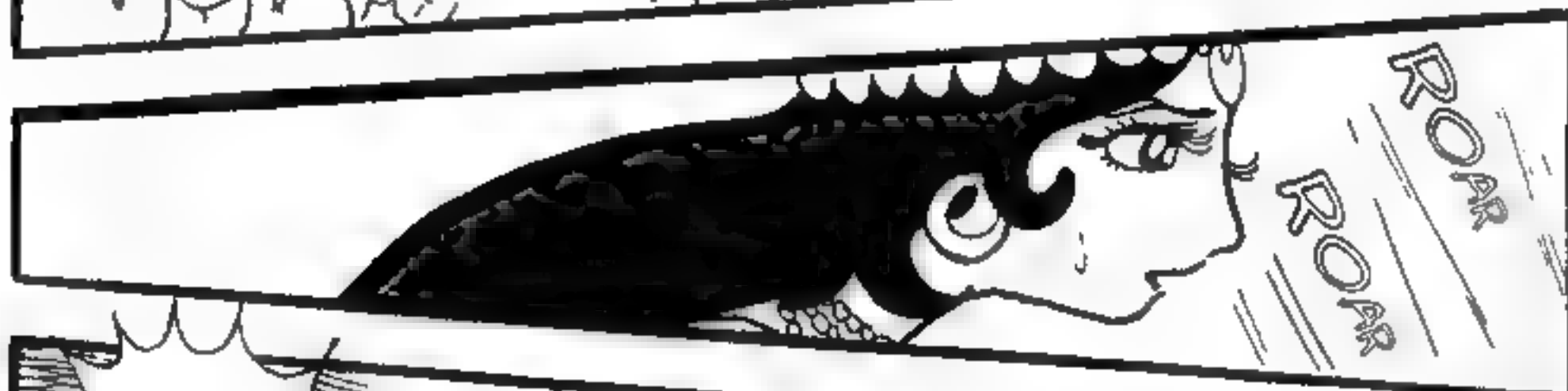


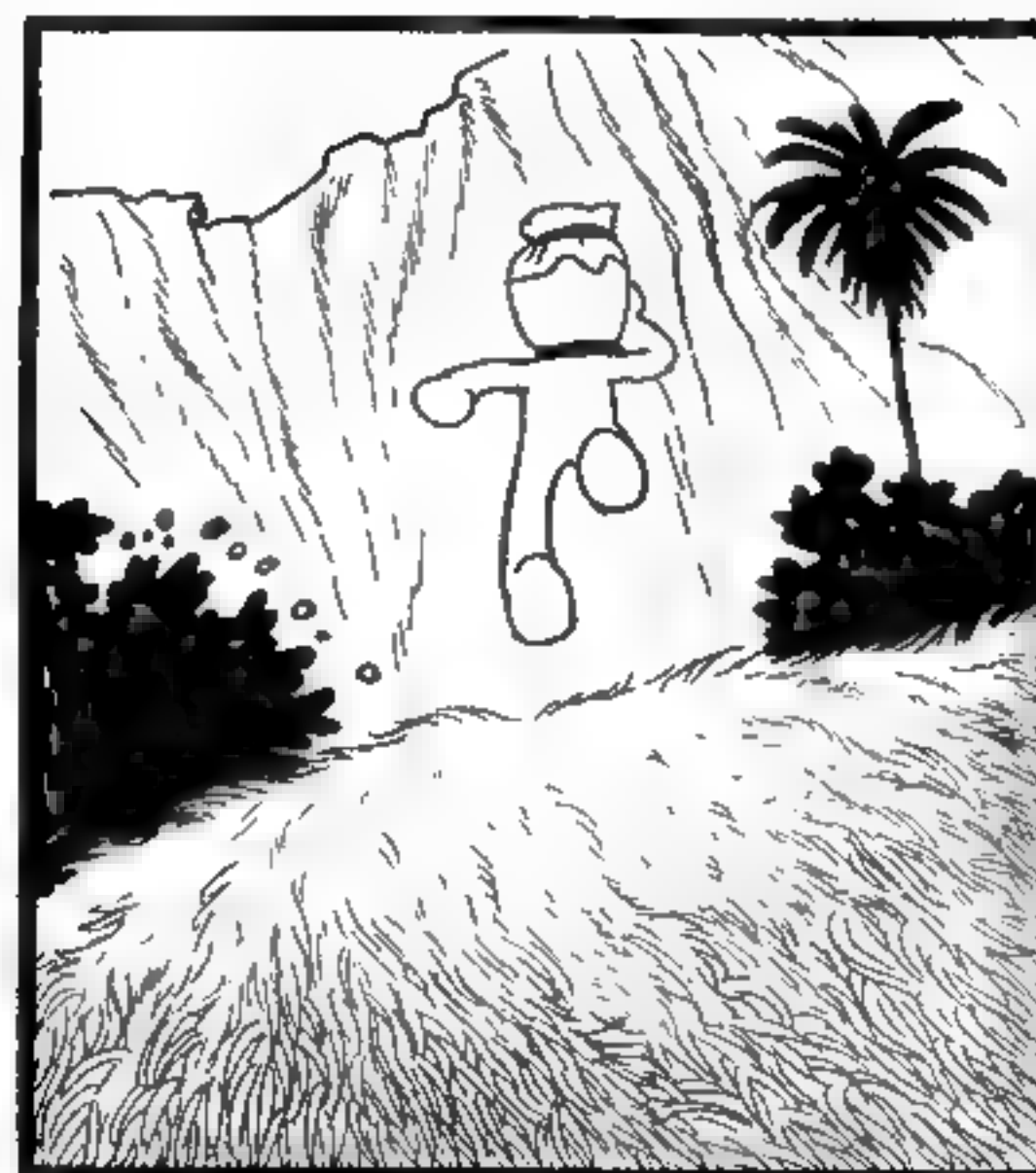
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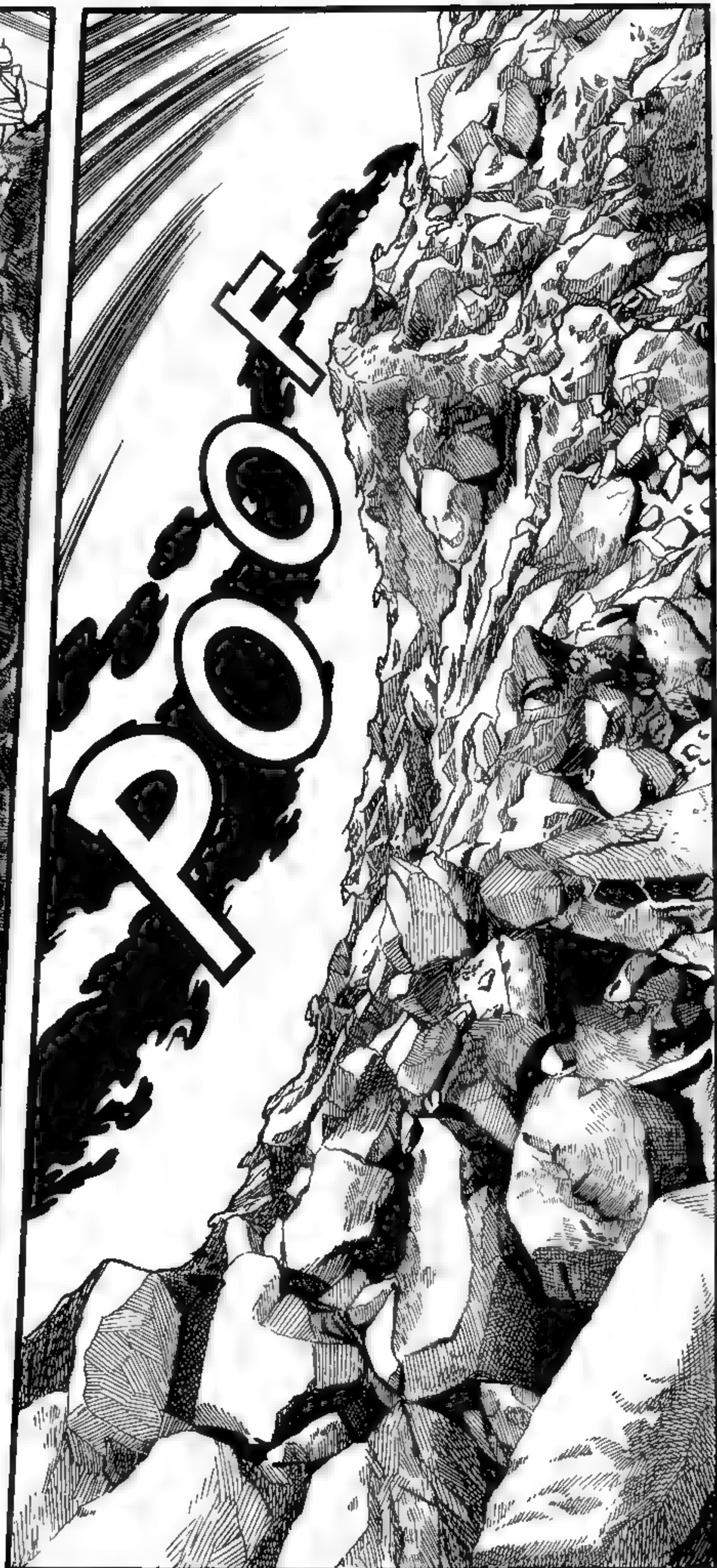


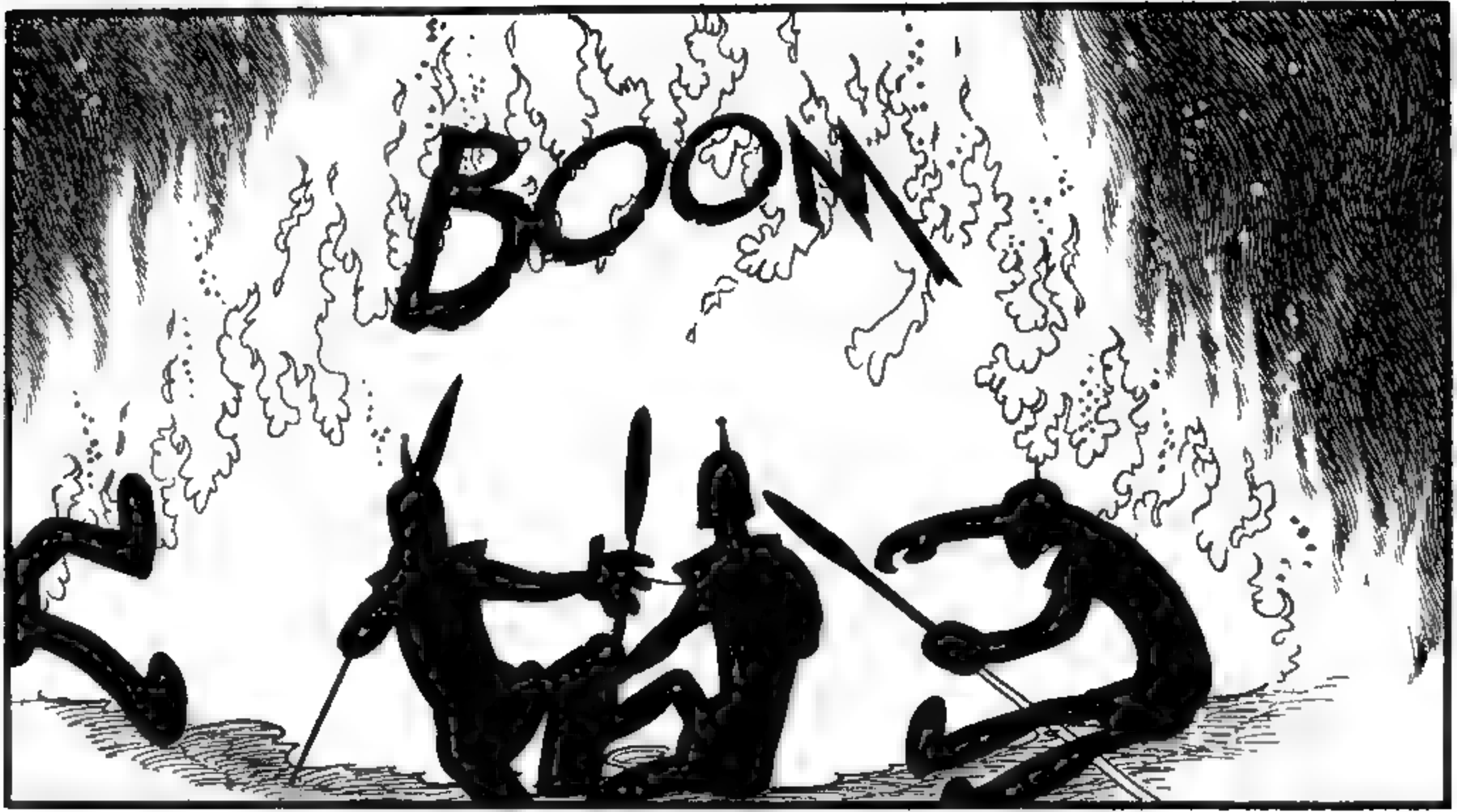


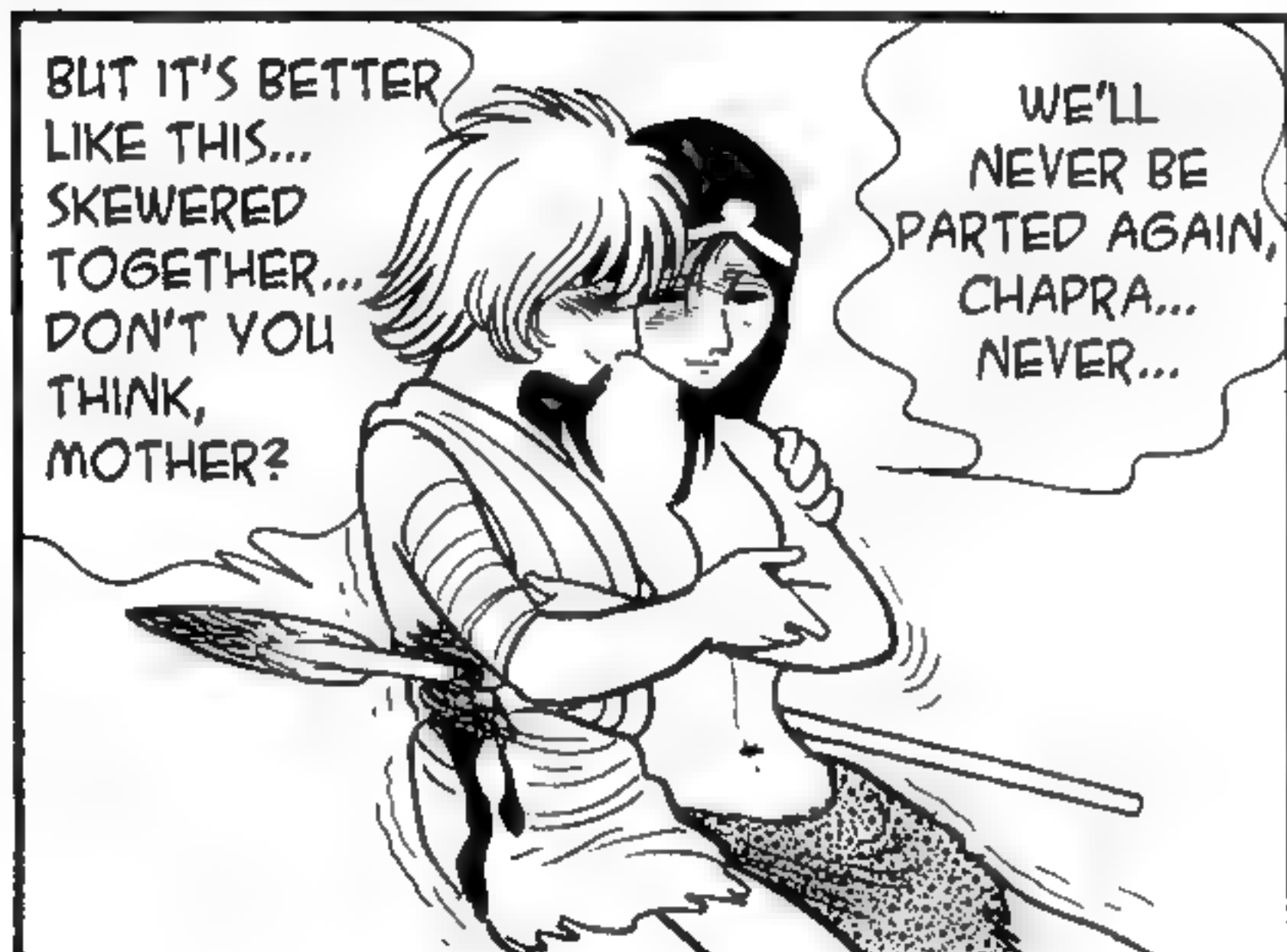
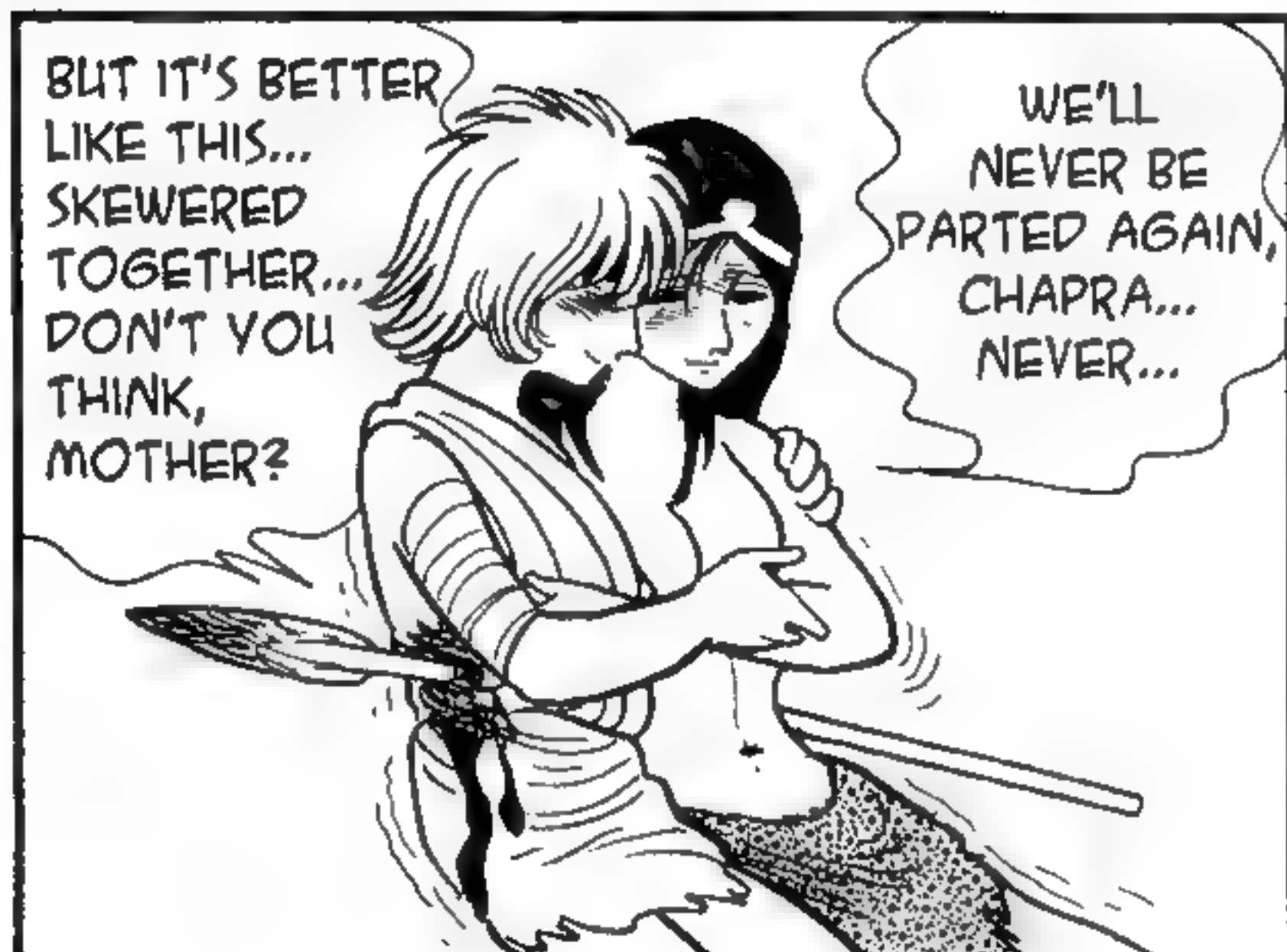
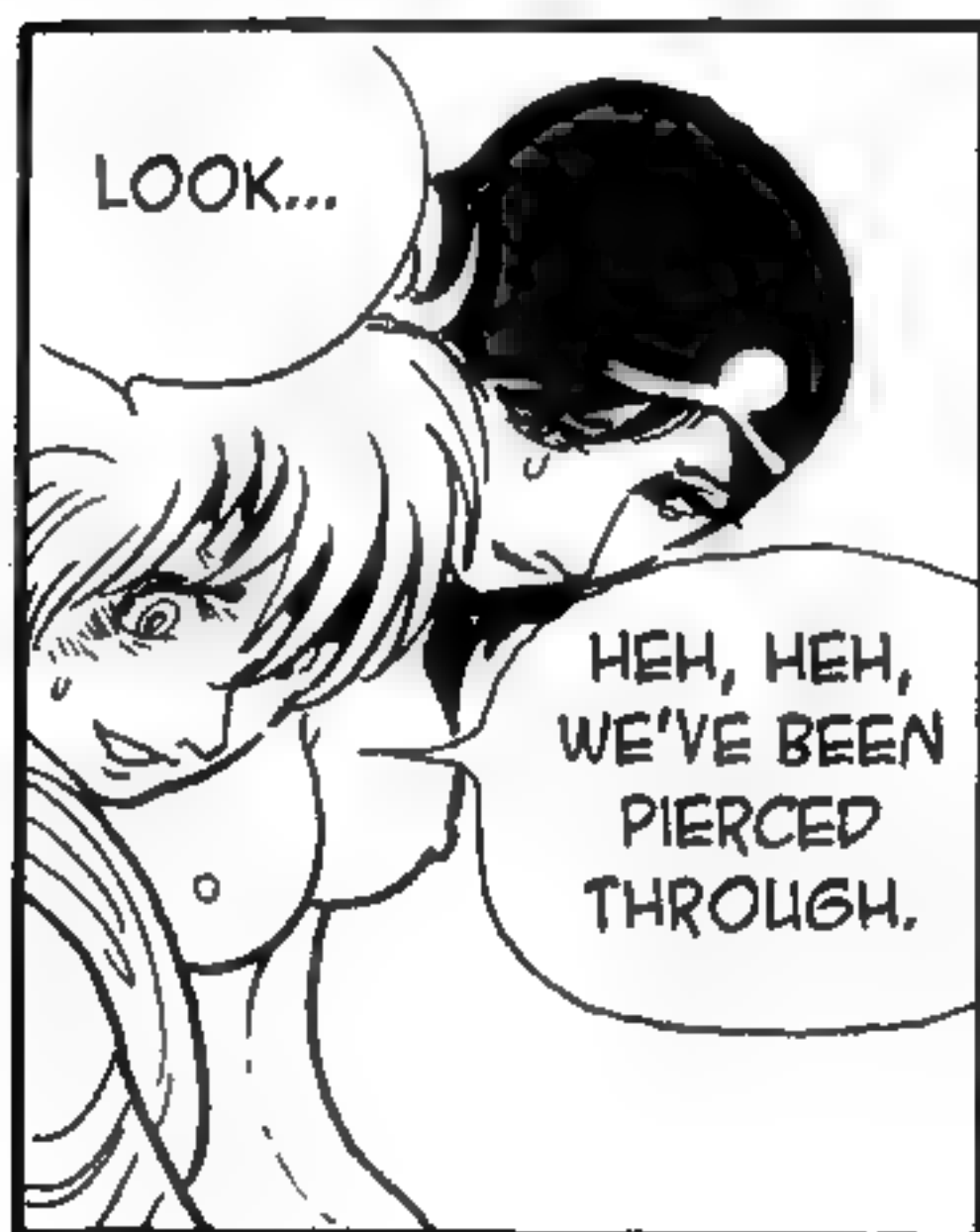
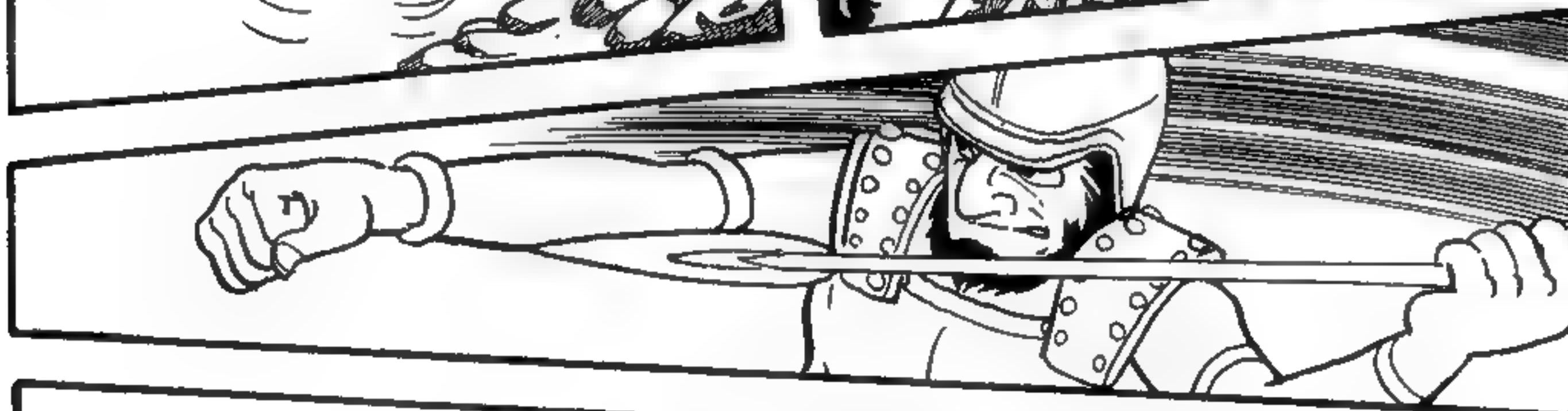
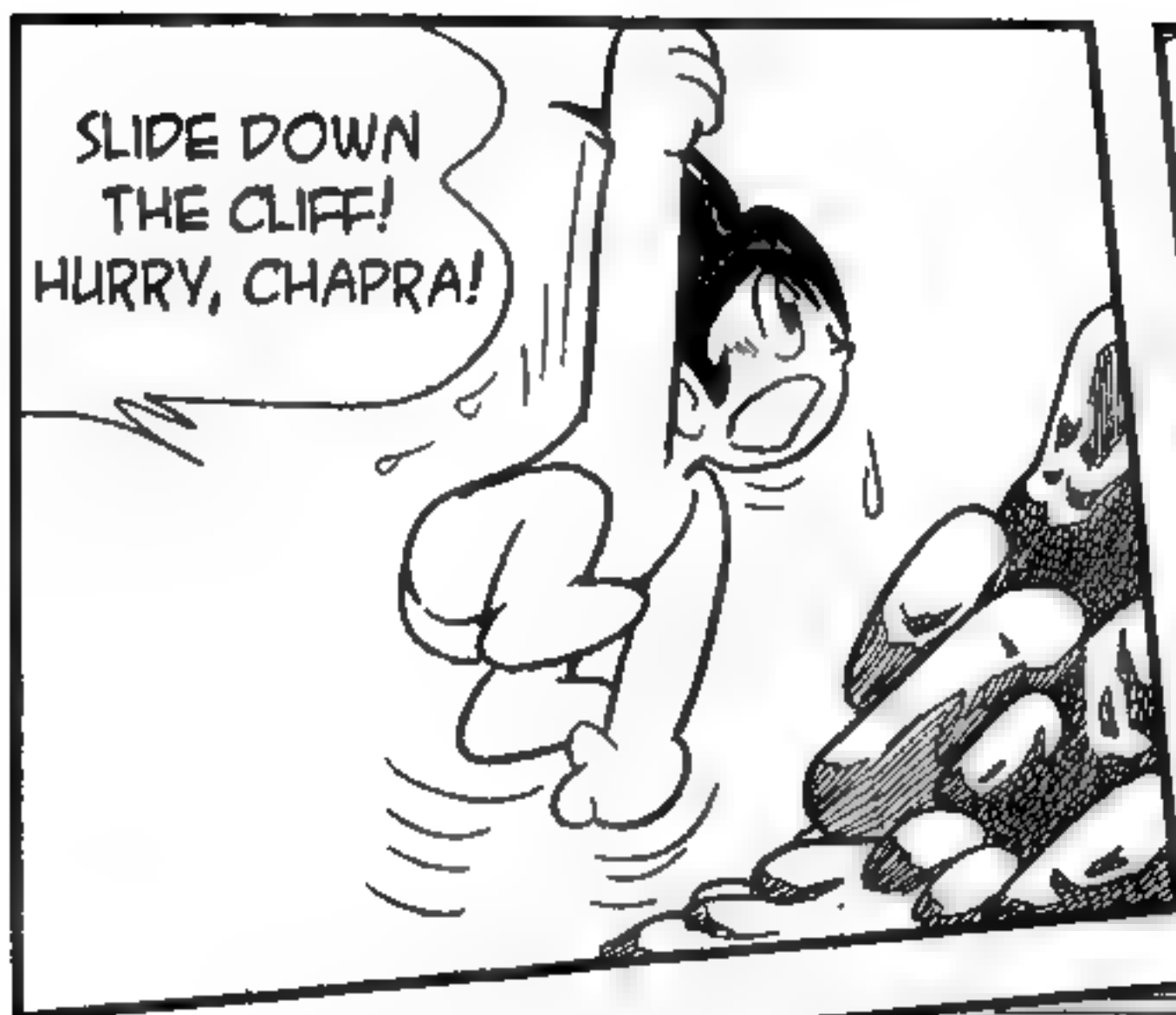


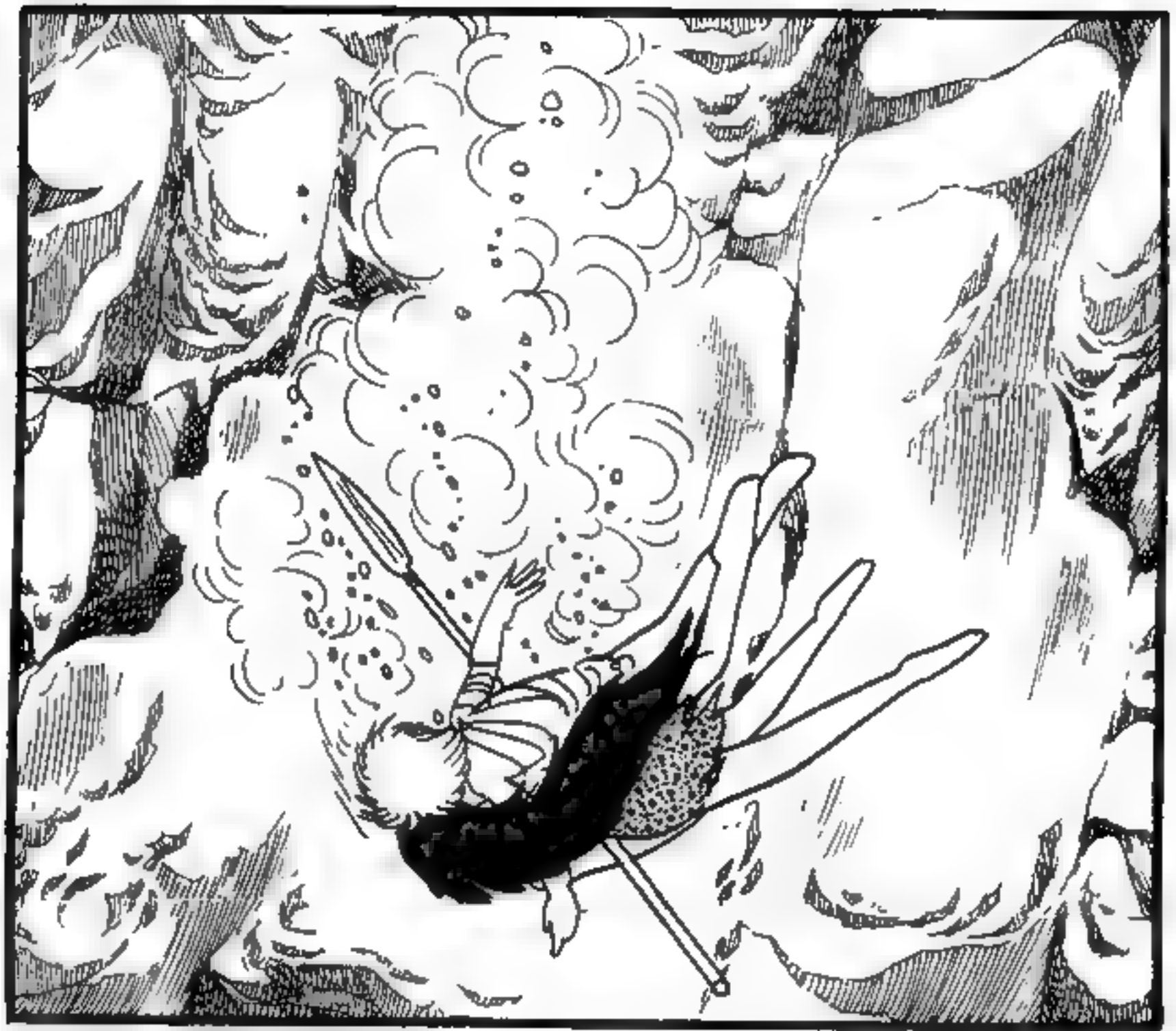




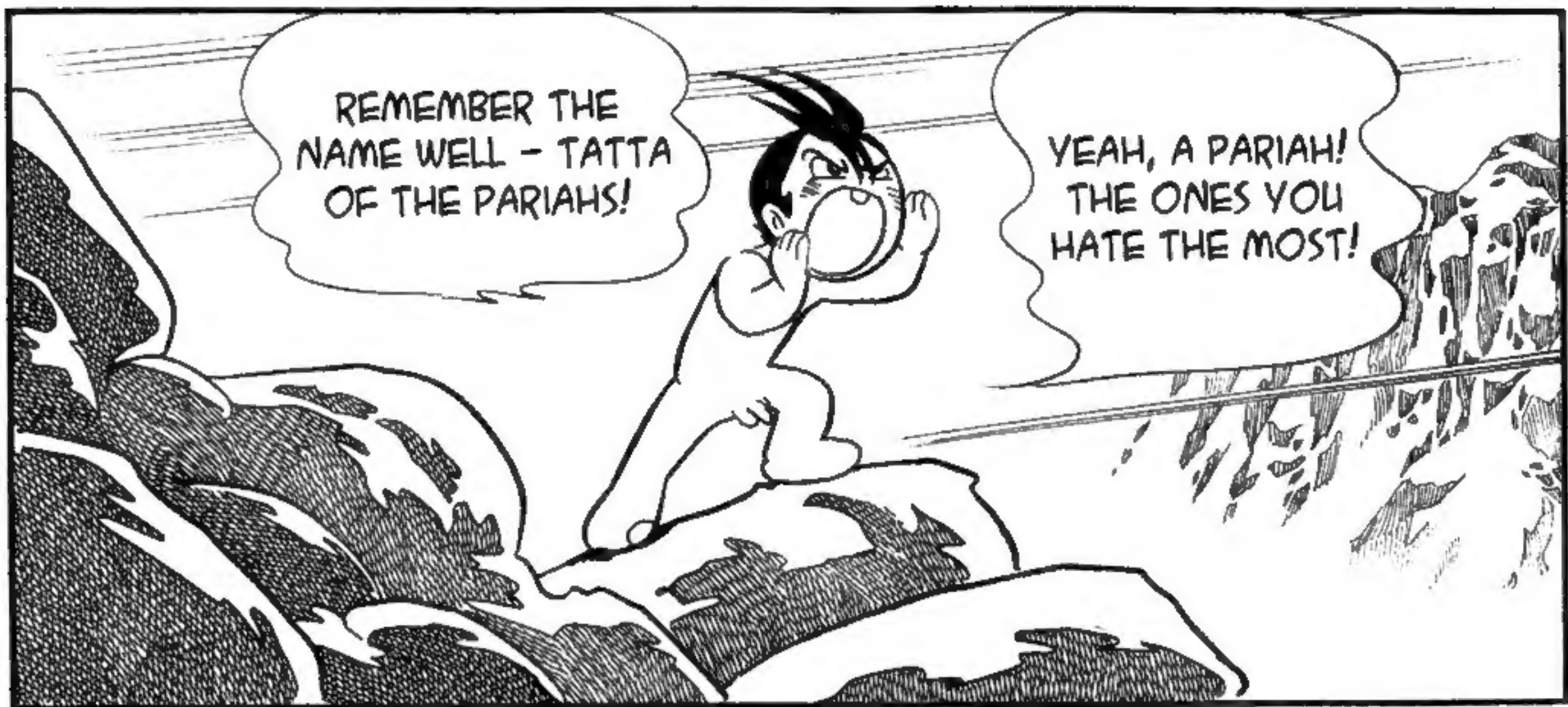


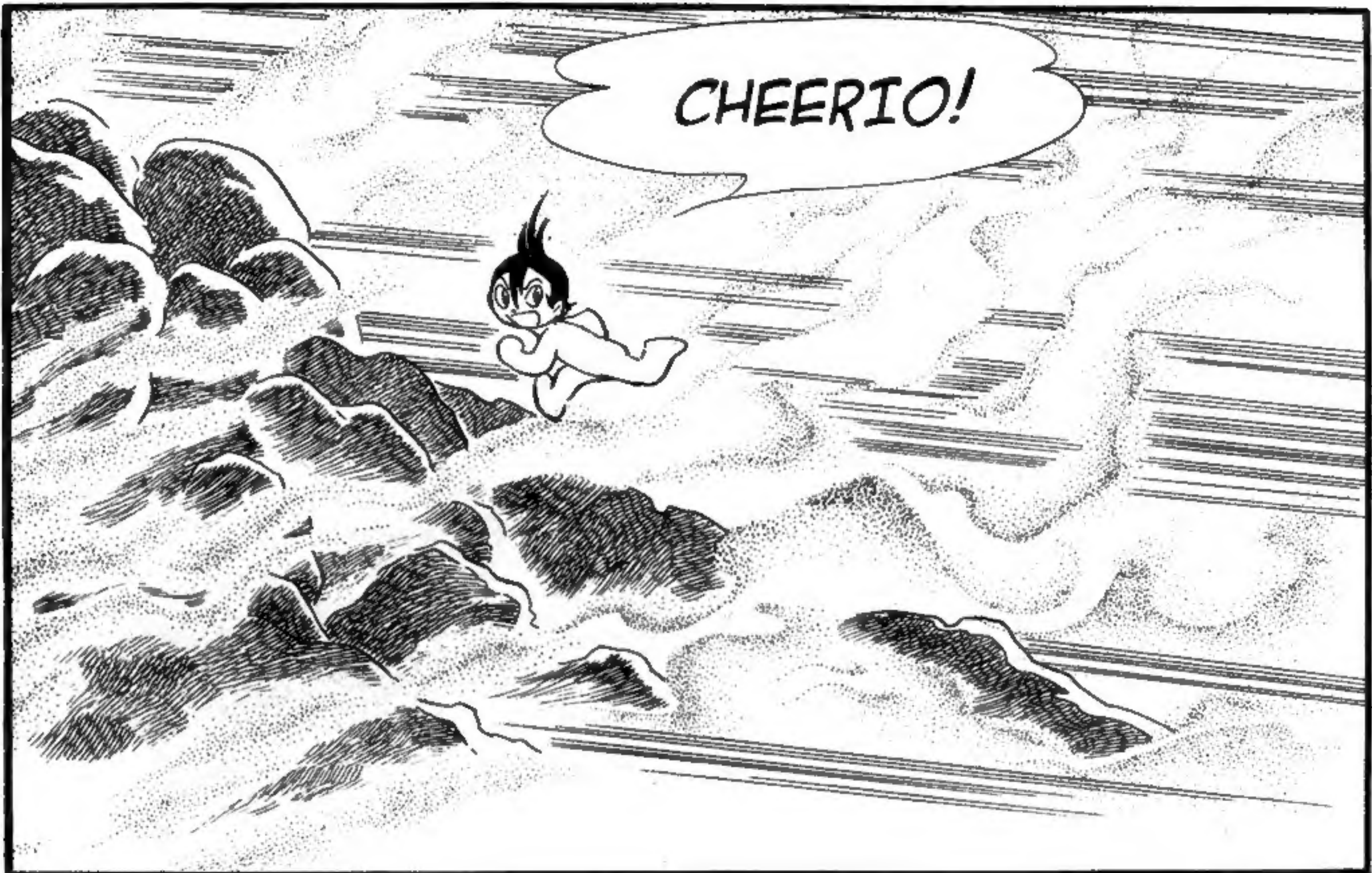
















TATTA, VOWING REVENGE
ON KOSALA, TAKES TO THE
DISTANT MOUNTAINS...

NARADATTA, FALLEN TO THE
STATE OF A BEAST, SUFFERS IN
ATONEMENT FOR HIS SINS...

AND

THE ONE WHO
WAS BORN NEAR KAPILAVASTU...
THEIR DESTINIES UNFOLD IN
OUR NEXT VOLUMES.

